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STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

Few Changes Regarding Benefactions.

SUBSCRIBERS' PRIVILEGES.

The Court of the University have amended the Statutes as follows:—

Benefactions.

(1) by the rescission of statute 22 and by the substitution thereof of the following statute:—

1.—Subscribers who prior to the opening of the University have subscribed a sum of \$500 and upwards may have their names inscribed on a tablet in the wall of the Hall of the University.

2.—A subscriber of \$50,000 or more to the funds of the University Endowment Fund shall have the right to nominate one scholar to study at the University as an undergraduate without payment as provided in paragraph 4 of this statute provided such scholar is duly qualified as required by statute 21 of these statutes.

For each additional sum of \$50,000 subscribed to the said Fund another scholar may be nominated by the subscriber on the same conditions provided that the number of scholars nominated as aforesaid by any one subscriber shall not exceed four in number at any one time.

3.—Any city, town, or village in or out of China may exercise the like privileges of nominating free scholars, but scholars can only be nominated by the representatives of the subscribers properly accredited to the satisfaction of the Council.

4.—The right to nominate scholars without payment shall comprise the right for the scholars to attend the University without payment of tuition fees only.

Provided always that the total number of scholars attending the University at any one time without payment of fees for:—

- (a) Tuition,
- (b) Board and Lodging,
- (c) Tuition and Board and Lodging,

shall not exceed 50 in number unless the Council shall from time to time determine otherwise.

5.—The period during which subscribers shall have the right to nominate scholars without payment as aforesaid shall be limited as follows:—

- (a) In the case of individual subscribers during the life-time of the subscribers.
- (b) In the case of firms or corporations or cities, towns or villages in or out of China, who subscribe during such period as may be mutually agreed between the subscribers, and the Council at the time when the subscription is made.

6.—An individual subscriber of a sum of \$50,000 or more shall be entitled:—

- (a) To become a life member of the Court of the University.
- (b) To have a framed portrait or bust of himself erected in the Hall of the University under such conditions as the Council may determine.

7.—Nothing in this statute shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of subscribers whether individuals or firms or corporations who shall have subscribed to the University Endowment Fund prior to May 22, 1931.

King Edward VII Scholarships.
(2) by the insertion, next before statute 23, of the following statute:—

All British subjects of whatever race shall be eligible for the King Edward VII Scholarships.

The Court of the University also amended the Statutes by adding to the proviso in paragraph 1 of statute 7, next after the word "years," the following:—

"or for such other less period as the Governor shall in the case of each particular appointment see fit to direct."

These amendments, having been allowed by the Governor in Council, become valid and operative on the publication of this notification on May 22.

East Saint John is a busy spot these days as considerable development is taking place there. One new fertilizer plant is in full operation, a second is in the course of construction and the erection of two oil tanks, at a cost of some \$100,000, is under way.

SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

Can Sitting Bull Win To-day.

GOOD RACING EXPECTED.

[By "Wombat."]—

Apart from the big race, we shall have some very interesting sport at the Sixth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley this afternoon. With so few meetings to go racegoers will be sure to take advantage of the few remaining fixtures, especially as many ponies which have been placed in top classes have been placed in lower classes, which should make their chances better, especially in cases where the weights have also been lowered.

The race for Australian ponies is a much more open affair than previous races for this class, and backers will have a very difficult time trying to discover the ultimate winner of this fast and interesting event. The sixth race, which is an "A" Class event over a distance of one mile and a quarter, although composed of good quality entries, will have but few starters. (I anticipate only three runners in this event.) Sitting Bull, who has a Champions and a Derby to his credit, besides many other good things, will carry most of the betting and we should see a very good race here.

The Novice race will be another good race, especially as a few quality ponies have been let in to decide which of our novices is the best rider.

The other races should provide equally good sport as the handicapping is very good.

SELECTIONS.

- 1st Race:—
Wonderful Stag.
Gold Key.
Fortune Bay.
- 2nd Race:—
Sanction.
Paul Pry.
Wise Stag.
- 3rd Race:—
Tunney.
Misamis.
Fi-Fi.
- 4th Race:—
Glencagles.
Bella Donna.
- 5th Race:—
Cream Cracker.
Happy Day.
Bay of Beltingham.
- 6th Race:—
One-Third.
Orlando.
Tango.
- 7th Race:—
Wisdom Stag.
Sitting Bull.
Boxing Eve.
- 8th Race:—
Mike.
City Hall.
Lobster Bay.
- 9th Race:—
Fritz.
Moon Star.
Thunderclap.
- 10th Race:—
Marquis Hall.
Fair Sport.
Rooslan.

NURSING BOARD.

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED IN GAZETTE.

Regulations under Section 4 of the Nurses Regulation Ordinance, 1931, are published in the Government Gazette.

The Board shall consist of seven members, viz.:—

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.
The Principal Matron of the Government Hospitals.

Three members appointed by the Governor.

Two members appointed by the University of Hong Kong. Members shall be appointed for a period of three years. Should any members of the Board die or leave the Colony during his period of appointment his place shall be filled for the remainder of his term of office by a member appointed by the same authority as appointed the deceased or absent member. The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services shall be the Chairman of the Board.

Qualifications of nurses to be entered on the register are detailed, also syllabus of subjects for examination for the certificate of general nursing.

TREE HERMIT.

HOMELESS IN LONDON AFTER FOREST LIFE.
AN EVICTION.

"Rocky Mountain Charlie," the man who slept in a tree in Epping Forest, is now a homeless outcast in London.

When, two years ago, doctors despaired of his life he went back to nature and built himself a "nest" of bracken, branches and twigs in the fork of a giant beech. His arboreal home has now been pulled to pieces by forest keepers, and his pots and pans scattered among the undergrowth.

The old hermit stood at the foot of the tree and watched sadly. His tame robin, Bob, which had made its home in the branches above Charlie's and used to come to him every day for scraps of food, looked on at the eviction. Then, becoming frightened, the bird flew off. Charlie's loneliness was complete.

Charlie had for months past seen the day coming when his home in the tree would be broken up. He had been at loggerheads with some of the forest keepers, but there were others who winked at his mode of life. Red tape won its victory at last.

I met the old man of the tree-tops walking along the Strand, gazing with wide-open eyes at the traffic streams, says a Daily Express reporter. He had changed almost completely from his carefree happiness in the solitude of the forest. It was like a tonic to talk to Charlie in those days, but now the old hermit is sad and pensive.

"I have lost my home. I am a stranger here in London," he said, with a melancholy far-off look in his eyes.

I asked him where he was going. He shrugged his shoulders dismally. "Where can I go, except to another tree?" he said.

He glanced down the slopes of Savoy Hill to the tall trees in the Savoy Chapel churchyard where the London starlings congregate.

"I love trees," he said. "I may make for Devon or Cornwall. Perhaps I shall find some friendly tree there where I can build a new home away from keepers and red tape."

"I was sorry to leave Epping Forest. I was happy there."

APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Thomas George Stokes to be an Official Justice of the Peace for the Colony of Hong Kong.

His Excellency the Governor has received information from the Secretary of State for the Colonies that Mr. Donald Dixon Edgar has been appointed a Vice-Consul for the United States of America in Hong Kong.

His Excellency the Governor has, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, been pleased to recognise Senior Waldemar de Araujo, provisionally and pending the issue of His Majesty's Exequatur, as Consul for Brazil in Hong Kong.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Edwin Taylor to be a Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions, vice Mr. Charles McIlwaine Messer, O.B.E.

NO PERMIT FOR DOG.

Before Mr. Williams, in the Central Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with having imported a dog without a permit from the Colonial Secretary. He pleaded guilty.

An Indian policeman said that he was on post duty outside the Tung On Wharf, when he saw defendant coming out with the dog. He asked him whether he had a permit or not, and defendant replied in the negative.

Defendant pleaded that he did not know the Colony's regulations. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 or fourteen days' jail in default.

ACCIDENT ON DOLLAR LINER.

In a report to the Police, Mr. G. T. Bird, watchman at Taikoo Dockyard, states that a fitter named Chan Hang-sing, of 21 Tai Ming Street, fractured his skull when he accidentally fell a height of 16 feet from a staging erected on the Dollar liner as it was being towed out of the dry dock at Taikoo.

THOUSAND GUINEAS TOURNAMENT.

Third Round & Semi-Final Results.

ALL-BRITISH FINAL.

London, Yesterday.
By the defeat of Manero, the last of the foreign contestants, in the semi-final of the Thousand Guineas Tournament, an all-British final will be staged at Leeds to-day, the finalists being Ernest Whitcombe, Bournemouth, and Tom Barber, Derbyshire.

Manero reached the semi-final by defeating Allis by 4 and three. Ernest Whitcombe beat the Ryder Cup player, Davies, by 4 and two. Barker beat Charles Whitcombe 1 up, and Lacey beat Gadd by 3 and 2.

In the semi-final Ernest Whitcombe defeated Manero by 2 and 1 and Barber beat Lacey 3 and one.—Reuter.

HOLIDAY WEATHER!

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states:—

The Northern depression has deepened.

The Tongking depression has deepened and is slightly farther North this morning.

Forecast:—S. W. or variable winds; moderate to light; fair to showery.

MR. D. G. CARSTAIRS.

FUNERAL IN THE PROTESTANT CEMETERY.

N.A.A.F.I. TRIBUTES.

The funeral of Mr. Douglas G. Carstairs, head of the N.A.A.F.I., the victim of the Luna Building murder sensation, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening.

The service at the graveside, which was conducted by the Rev. E. G. Powell, of the Union Church, was attended by a large number of mourners who included Mr. H. E. Beale (Chief Accountant, Far East Area, N.A.A.F.I.), Messrs. F. Mackellar, G. J. Grover, H. W. Hawkins, G. Young, V. Sandiford, members of the N.A.A.F.I. office staff, military officers and friends.

Wreaths included those from the N.A.A.F.I. Staff, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Whiffeld Barracks, and Shamshuipo, all ranks of Royal Artillery, all ranks of South Wales Borderers, the General Officer Commanding and Staff officers, all ranks of Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, Warrant Officers, Sergeants and Staff Sergeants of Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, Royal Army Chaplain Department, and many personal tributes.

AXE IN JAPAN.

REDUCTION IN OFFICIAL SALARIES.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The Cabinet has decided to cut official salaries, a sliding scale being brought into operation on June 1. The maximum reduction will be 20 per cent.

The Premier estimated that the reductions would result in a saving of seven million yen in the present fiscal year.—Reuter.

MILL EXPLOSION.

EIGHT-STOREY BUILDING IN FLAMES.

ONLY ONE FATALITY.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
An explosion of gunpowder stored in the machine room of the Nishin Flour Mill at Yokohama started a conflagration which quickly reduced the eight-storey building to ashes.

The flames spread to adjoining buildings, and are still raging. So far there has been one fatality, and fifty people have been seriously injured.—Reuter.

SOLLY JOEL DEAD.

London, Yesterday.
The death has occurred of the South African diamond magnate, Mr. Solly Joel.—Reuter.

DARTMOOR PRISON.

MR. CLYNES'S IMPRESSIONS OF VISIT.

NO PLACE OF TERROR.

The conception of Dartmoor as a place of terror and heart-breaking toil is not shared by Mr. Clynnes, Home Secretary, who visited the famous convict prison in order to become personally acquainted with the conditions.

"Work in Dartmoor," he said in an interview, "is like the work of an ordinary workman. The prisoners enjoy concerts and lectures, and hear football results and other news, and though the men are not pampered, the conditions of prison comfort relating to sleeping accommodation and exercise are as good as, if not better than, the conditions of many poor working-class people. I came away with a feeling that Dartmoor is a very much better place for the purpose of correction and improvement of the individual criminal than the public ever imagined."

Mr. Clynnes thought it true that about fifty per cent. of the men in Dartmoor had been there before, and told of a striking incident in his visit bearing on the problem of recidivism.

On going to the chapel, he was struck by the beautiful playing of an organ voluntary. "I went up to the organist," he said. "He was a gentle-looking soul, and prison clothing is such that you do not easily detect the garb of a convict. His manner and courtesy charmed me. I could see he was wrapped up in his playing. There was no indication at all that this man was at Dartmoor as a punishment for wrong-doing, but it was not his first sentence. Weakness for deception and duplicity when he got back into social life brought him back. You come away feeling you would like to liberate all if it were not for the certainty that many would slide back into some serious offence from which the community should be protected."

Mr. Clynnes added that he felt the British method of managing a prison tended mostly in the direction of the reform of the criminal and was not designed as an act of social revenge against the offender.

KILLED BY BUS.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, sitting with a Jury, held an inquiry at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday into the death of a six-year-old Chinese girl (Chan Mui-tai), who was run over and killed by a Kowloon Motor Bus in Shanghai Street, at the junction of Shek Lung Street, on May 5.

Dr. K. H. Uttley stated that death was due to laceration of the brain and fracture of the skull.

After hearing the evidence, the Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death," exonerating the driver from all blame.

BLAMED THE WOMEN!

On a charge of the theft of some clothing and an opium pipe from 19, Aberdeen Street, two Chinese men, pleaded guilty before Mr. Williams in the Central Police Court this morning.

Accused said that they stole the articles from women who had been unfair to them.

His Worship said that that was no excuse, and passed sentence of two months' hard labour on each.

NEW ORDINANCES.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—

Ordinance No. 22 of 1930.—An Ordinance to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1945.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1931.—An Ordinance to amend further the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

NEW PLANE'S TEST.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A British aeroplane fitted with a British 800 horsepower engine, burning crude oil costing fourpence a gallon retail, will shortly fly over the south of England on a prolonged reliability test.—British Wireless Service.

The staff of Messrs. Andersen, Meyer & Co. entertained the Manager, Mr. D. C. Hogg, at dinner last night in the Kam Ling Restaurant. Mr. Hogg leaves by the P. & O. s.s. Comorin this afternoon.

ITALY TO DISCARD JURY SYSTEM.

Assessors to Be Selected Instead.

A NOTABLE REFORM.

The promulgation of the decree of March 23 setting up new Assize Courts marks the end of the institution of the popular jury in Italy. Of all the reforms of Fascism, this is certainly one of the most notable. The reasons for it and the constitution of the new Courts are explained by Signor Rocco, Minister of Justice, in three articles published in the Stampa, of Turin.

Signor Rocco says that the jury, like all other liberal institutions, is of English origin and must therefore be abandoned by Fascism. The jury system, introduced into Italy in 1859 solely for criminal trials, has not given good results. Jurymen have shown incompetence and irresponsibility and have often given absurd verdicts, as in the case of a certain Olivio, who appeared about 20 years ago before the Assizes Court of Bergamo, guilty on his own confession of having killed and afterwards cut into pieces his wife, and whom the jury absolved from the charge of homicide and condemned on the charge of having cut a corpse to pieces.

Various Alternatives.

Having decided, then, on the abolition of the jury, Signor Rocco had various alternatives to choose from. He could have eliminated entirely the popular element from the composition of the Courts, or else have left judgment in criminal trials to the penal tribunals. Neither solution, however, appeared altogether satisfactory to him. With criminal offences, which particularly move public opinion, it is necessary, Signor Rocco says, that the sentence should reflect the sentiments aroused by the crime in the public mind. Hence it is desirable to introduce on the Bench non-technical elements who normally live outside judicial circles, and are, therefore, in more direct contact with the sentiments of the mass of the people.

Mixed Bench.

The decree of March 23 has, therefore, retained in existence the Assize Courts, but has modified their composition. There will be a mixed Bench, composed of Judges and lay Judges, to which all judgments will be entrusted on questions of fact as well as on questions of law. The lay element will preponderate numerically, the Bench being composed of seven Judges, two of whom will be magistrates, and five "assessors," as the new law calls the lay Judges. The President of the Bench will be a Judge—to be exact, a sectional President of the Courts of Appeal. The new Assize Courts are really sections of the Courts of Appeal. Their number and territorial distribution remain as in the past.

Restricted Choice.

Many restrictions surround the choice of the assessors, and they will be selected in that exclusive way which is in the true Fascist spirit and practice. To be an assessor, besides possessing certain qualifications in respect of education and property, one must be of good moral and political behaviour, which means that one must be a Fascist or a pro-Fascist. A citizen who has all the other qualifications except that of good political behaviour may not be an assessor, just as he may not be a journalist or a teacher. The number of assessors appointed to each Assize Court will be strictly limited. From those inscribed in the register, as eligible, nine will be drawn by lot for every trial of whom the first five will actually serve, while the others will rank as deputies. Socially, the position of the assessors is high, because throughout the duration of the session in which they serve they are to rank with the Councillors of Appeal in the order of precedence at Court and at other public functions. Their remuneration, too, will be higher than that of the old jurymen; for they will receive 50 lire (about 10s.) a day, and 100 lire when they are called upon to serve outside their area.

Honourable Office.

"It is certain, therefore," concludes Signor Rocco, "that the office of assessor will be desired as being morally honourable and economically compensated in a fair measure. One can foresee, too, that the psychology of the assessor will be entirely different from that of the jurymen and that his collaboration in the administration of justice will be just as willing, conscientious, and useful as that of the jurymen proved unwilling, careless, and not infrequently harmful."

CHICAGO'S NEW MAYOR.

"He Won't Come Back While I am Mayor."

AL CAPONE NOT IN TOWN.

"Al Capone is not in town. I don't think he will be back as long as I am Mayor."

In these two brief, pointed sentences Mr. Anton Cermak, the newly elected Mayor of Chicago, speaking to a Morning Post representative over 4,000 miles on the Atlantic telephone, conveyed his determination to suppress organised crime in his city.

Chicago's new Mayor intends to make a determined attack on the powerful organisation built up by the gangster-racketeers of Chicago, of which Al Capone is the head.

"There will be crime as long as you live and as long as I live," said Mr. Cermak. "I cannot tell what individual criminals are planning, but I can take strong measures against organised crime. We have good policemen here if they are allowed to do their duty, and it is my job to see they are not hindered."

I reminded Mr. Cermak that in the course of his election campaign he had declared he would "give Chicago a new deal," and asked him how he proposed to implement that pledge, apart from making Chicago safe for Chicago's citizens.

"I have already started rehabilitating the finances of the city," he told me. "We are going to take a corps of engineers and auditors and begin a survey of every department of the city government. We want to know where the leaks are, and we are going to stop up the leaks."

Restoring Confidence.
By police measures, by business measures, and by all other available means Mayor Cermak and his executive will restore confidence in the good order and good government of Chicago.

"We expect that when others outside know that they can place confidence in the second greatest city of America it will be to the benefit of the cities and communities around us. Chicago is the pivotal city of America, and when Americans know that Chicago has got a real Mayor here who means business, it will bring prosperity."

"Naturally there are some phases of the depression that cannot be remedied simply by one man or one city. But what we can do within our prescribed limits we shall do."

Of his own victory Mr. Cermak was naturally and justifiably proud—he described it as indeed a triumph. "The electors," he said, "had shown they were tired of 'Big Bill' Thompson and the buffoonery of the last four years."

In reply to a suggestion that Chicago's new Mayor might wish to send a message to the citizens of London, he said: "I am not interested in any particular city, but I have a message I would like to send to the world, and that is that when the sun rose on Chicago this morning it was the brightest sun that we have had in many months. It heralded a new era for our city, an era of fair dealing, meaning a fair deal with business men, the police department, the taxpayers, and others."

"We have had one of the most beautiful days here to-day, and the glory of the sunshine seems to me a token of better times and better things."

In a last moment reference to the World's Fair, which is to be held in Chicago in 1933, Mayor Cermak said the construction of the buildings was proceeding as speedily as possible, and "we intend to give to the world one of the greatest expositions that has ever been held."

N.U.J. AND J.U.C.

London, Yesterday.
By 1,663 votes to 1,224, the National Union of Journalists has rejected a proposal to affiliate with the Trade Union Congress.

The figures represent 50 per cent. of the Union's membership.—Reuter.

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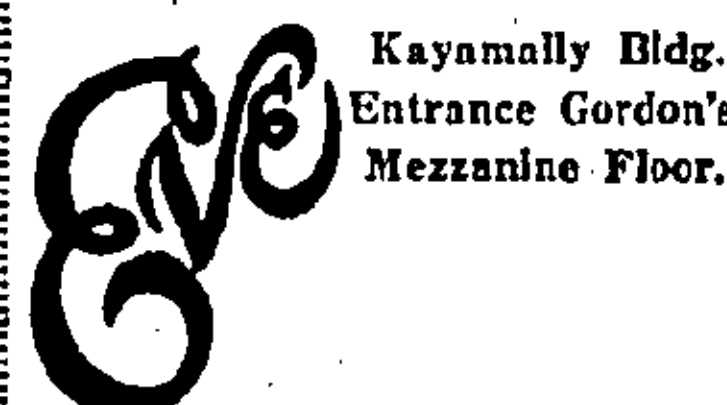
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IN THE EVENING.

People are fond of saying, "It isn't what you wear, my dear—it's the way you wear it." This year their axiom has come to grief as et ceteras, especially for the evening, are of paramount importance. Their charm lies in the wide choice they afford a woman to express her own personality and remain in the height of fashion. As far as the bag goes you may have any shape you like, but just be—



cause a flat leather pochette is correct by day, a rounded bag, daintily gathered and finished with a diamante clasp, is decreed for after dark.

Beaded bags are not quite so popular this year, except in white or pastel shades to match the dress, but if you are lucky enough to own a gold or silver chain purse, this is the moment to get it out of the bottom drawer.



SMARTEST COATEES.

As the smartest coatees are only boleros with elbow-length sleeves, gloves are strongly indicated. Beware of coloured gloves, because they are apt to become commonplace.

Choose, rather, black gloves and a black bag to wear with a white dress, and a black and white bolero.

In this case black shoes should be avoided, as they look a little eccentric. A two-colour scheme should never be over emphasised or it becomes ridiculous.

Tender, romantic flowers must now be worn at the décolleté by the slender, and on the shoulder or hip line by those of maturer figures. Black roses with white petals are exquisite with a white dress, and so are Parma violets on a grass-green chiffon.

Those who want a collar on their wrap, but wish to avoid fur, would do well to make a flower collar like a flower toque. Their originality would be rewarded by envious praise.

TUNIC FASHION.

The tunic fashion seems to have sunk into the background. Both coats and skirts have a tendency to flare, and are cut on the slant, while a tunic is always best when plain and straight. It is, however, charming as an over-dress. A certain eighteenth century line and others almost Directoire add variety to the spring mode. Certain houses show skirts of black or plain coloured cloth, carried above the waist-line to meet the top of the blouse-bodice of white satin or some contrasting material. This can have either a swallow-tailed (cut away) long coat or a bolero.



LIKE A COBWEB.

New sweaters, hand knit in a cobweb design, have a coloured yoke shaped to form epaulettes over the shoulders and replace sleeves. A black sweater has a canary yellow yoke, a pink yoke is allied with blue, and so on, the colour schemes being varied to suit differing tastes.

Coats of wool lace are knit in an open design from fine Angora wool. In pale pink, or blue, or red, and green and white and beige, they form a delightful complement for a silk or crepe-de-Chine sports dress.

Newest of all are the washable skirts and sweaters or cardigans woven in lisle thread, in pale pink, or primrose, or coral.

The skirts are ribbed at the top and have a shaped plain hem. The cardigans are in lace stitch; the sweaters have narrow white and coloured horizontal stripes. It would be difficult to find a more practical addition to the Summer sports wardrobe.

A dress of red and white fleck jersey, slightly flared at the hem, has a cardigan to match, on which a red cuff supplies an additional colour accent; and the newest sports coats, made from brushed wool, in natural or white or silver-grey, are embroidered in coloured wools and silks at the hem.

JACKET DRESSES.

There are silk frocks with matching jackets ... printed frocks with plain jackets ... skirt and jacket with contrasting blouse, all equally fashion-right. The jackets often have three-quarter sleeves to show the long sleeves beneath. You will make no mistake in confining your choice of daytime dresses almost exclusively to a variety of jacket dresses.

SPORTS CLOTHES.

Sports clothes to-day cover a larger area than ever, embracing all country, travel and day-time ensembles; in fact, most of the requirements for the life of the average woman who has to work, as well as play.

Here again, moderation is the characteristic note. In the tailored or sports suit skirts cover the knee (two or three inches below it is enough); in evening gowns they just reach the ankle, while afternoon frocks can just hide the calf or reveal it. An inch up or down is wisely left to the discretion of the dressmaker and wearer.

MODERATION THE KEYNOTE.

It is now recognised that the good sense of the modern woman prompts her to reject exaggerated modes. Fashion has become stabilised inasmuch as we have rejected those styles of last year which seemed to be offered in the spirit of a trial trip.

Exaggerated frills, furbelows and absurdly long skirts were firmly rejected after the Ascot fiasco last year. Then came the too heightened Empire line, which proved unbecoming. It is here again, but in a modified form. The same experiences befell the bolero; its early return was a failure, but this season our designers present attractive variations.



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The colouring on the floor ought to be light or neutral in tint. If the floor already has a dark linoleum relieve this with a few light mats.

The paper on the walls should be light. It is much better that this should be plain or with only a "slight pattern."

Any paper with perpendicular lines is to be avoided as this would tend to make the ceiling appear higher and so make the hall look more narrow than it really is.

The narrow hall usually looks as if it was too high. To correct this bring the picture rail down lower than usual. One or two pictures might be allowed, but the walls must not be crowded as this would make the hall look smaller.

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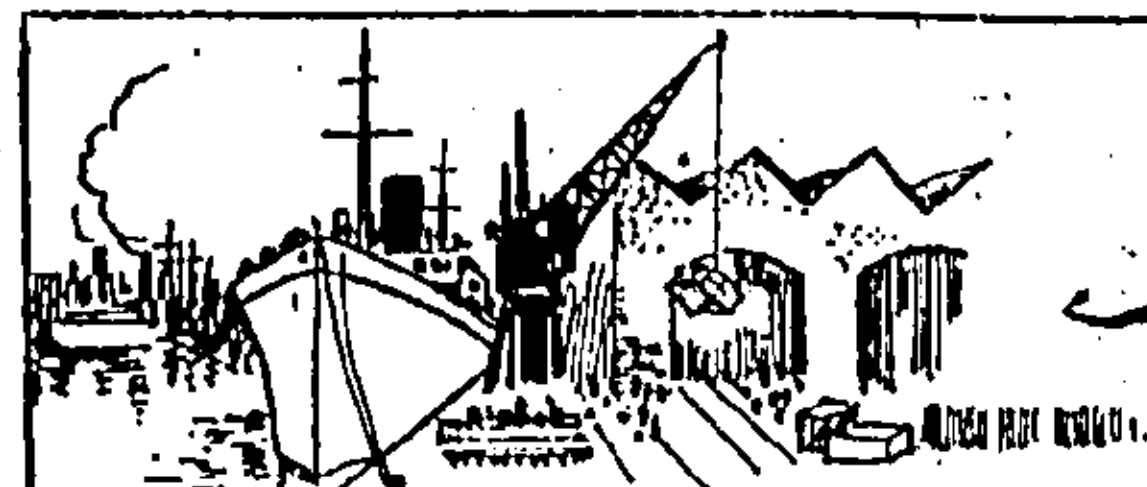
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SINGAPORE PORT.

EXTENSIONS OF WHARF FACILITIES.

The proposals contained in the report by Mr. G. W. A. Trimmer, Chairman, General Manager, and Chief Engineer, of the Singapore Harbour Board, dated June 18, 1927, for the purpose of extending the facilities of the Wharf Department, Mr. Trimmer's recommendation being the adoption of Scheme "C" and "D", were duly submitted by the Board to the Colonial Government which has consulted the Imperial Shipping Committee and the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, both bodies approved of Mr. Trimmer's recommendation that Scheme "C" and "D" should be proceeded with.

The Colonial Government has also submitted the proposals to the Secretary of State who has sanctioned Scheme "C" and "D", and the Board's Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Coode, Wilson, Mitchell and Vaughan-Lee, have consequently been instructed to put in hand the preparation of the contract drawings and the specifications in accordance with Mr. Trimmer's proposals.

The Board's proposal is to proceed with Scheme "C" in the first instance, estimated to cost approximately \$5½ million; if upon completion of Scheme "C" it is considered inadvisable to proceed with Scheme "D" by reason of the number and tonnage of vessels requiring berths and the tonnage of cargo then being handled, not coming up to expectations, or for reasons of financial stringency, then Scheme "C" would be linked up with the existing screw piled wharf (Section 10—late "P" and "O" Wharf) by means of a reinforced concrete wharf, estimated to cost approximately \$1 million, instead of proceeding with the concrete wharf as proposed for Scheme "D" as a whole.

If on the other hand the Board's finances and the tonnages handled should warrant proceeding with Scheme "D" this will necessitate the reconstruction of Section 10 (late "P" and "O" Wharf) in concrete block work in substitution for the existing screw piled wharf. Scheme "D" would then be carried out in its entirety. The whole Scheme "C" and "D" is estimated to cost approximately \$9 million.

The proposals for these extensions include the removal of part of the Meander Shoal, as recommended by Mr. Trimmer, thereby giving a deep water dredged navigable channel of 800 feet in width between the edge of the Shoal and the wharf at Section 10.

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Although the New England States are the traditional home of seaman-ship and shipping in America, it would not be at all surprising to see the Pacific Slope beating them in the supply of seamen, which is all important for the United States Mercantile Marine that is being built up under the Jones-White Act. The West is showing more enthusiasm on shipping matters now than it has done for many years past and, moreover, there is a greater inclination for the youngsters to take sea life really seriously, and not to do a trip to two just as a stopgap or for experience.

The State authorities are doing their best to take full advantage of this spirit by the provision of proper training facilities, for which purpose they have taken over one of the surplus U.S. Shipping Board steamers and are shortly converting her into the schoolship California State, at a cost to the Federal Government of nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

In the meantime progress is being made, and while the schoolship is under conversion the first of the new cadets are undergoing preliminary instruction on shore, the former naval coaling station at Tiburon having been opened with about 60 cadets, who seem to hail from every part of the State of California.

Lieutenant Commander E. Topp, a retired U.S. naval officer, is in charge of the school and is in command of the ship when she is commissioned, and as a good deal of his naval service was connected with the training of reservists, his choice ought to be a happy one. Most of his staff come from the Merchant Service, including the former guarantee engineer of the Leviathan, and the plan is to bring the number of cadets up to 120 for a three-year course, starting at Tiburon and continuing in the schoolship.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday, May 21.
Groningen, Dutch str., 752 tons,
Capt. J. H. Kop, from Canton,
Stonecutters Anchorage.—A.P.C.

Friday, May 22.

Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons,
Capt. M. Klette from Canton,
Yaumati Anchorage.—Dodwell
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Genoa Maru, Japanese str., 4,893
tons, Capt. M. Mishima, from
Singapore, buoy No. A1.—
N.Y.K.

Glenishane, British str., 4,011 tons,
Captain V. F. Martin, from
London and Singapore, Kow-
loon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Gustav Diederichsen, Danish str.,
1,353 tons, Capt. J. Jacobsen,
from Swatow, buoy No. C2.—
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Capt. J. Anderson, from Canton,
buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

Kitano Maru, Japanese str., 7,952
tons, Captain B. Matsukura,
from Nagasaki, Kowloon
Wharf.—N.Y.K.

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tons, Captain O. Kube, from
Dairen, buoy No. B23.—
D.K.K.

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from Seattle and Wayports,
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Capt. Evans, from Canton,
buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

PRESIDENT TAFT.

PROMINENT VISITORS TO THE COLONY.

Among the passengers arriving on the s.s. President Taft at Hong Kong yesterday were the following prominent people:—

Mr. Edward E. Bechtel, agent for Erzinger Bros., of New York.

Mr. C. M. Squarey, representative of the Cunard Steamship Line.

Mr. Bruce M. Boyers, connected with the Bureau of Insular Affairs, returning to his duties with that department in the Philippines. He is accompanied by Mrs. Boyers and their son, Master Robert G. Boyers.

Mr. Jose C. Martinez, salesman, returning to Manila after a visit to the States, accompanied by Mrs. Martinez, an employee of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, who is returning to her duties in the Philippines.

Miss Joy E. Comstock, Missionary teacher, en route to Singapore, Straits Settlements, where she will continue to Madras, India. Miss Comstock, formerly of Erie, Pa., will leave the s.s. President Taft at Manila, and continue via the s.s. President Johnson to Singapore.

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Shanghai Calchas

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OUTWARD MAILS.

SATURDAY, MAY 23.

Port Bayard Tai Poo Sek 2 p.m.

Saigon Helikon 3.30 p.m.

Samshui and Wuchow Sanning 4 p.m.

Manila President Taft 4.30 p.m.

Shanghai Sauerland 5 p.m.

Amoy Anhui 5 p.m.

Poochow via Swatow Chip Shing 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 24.

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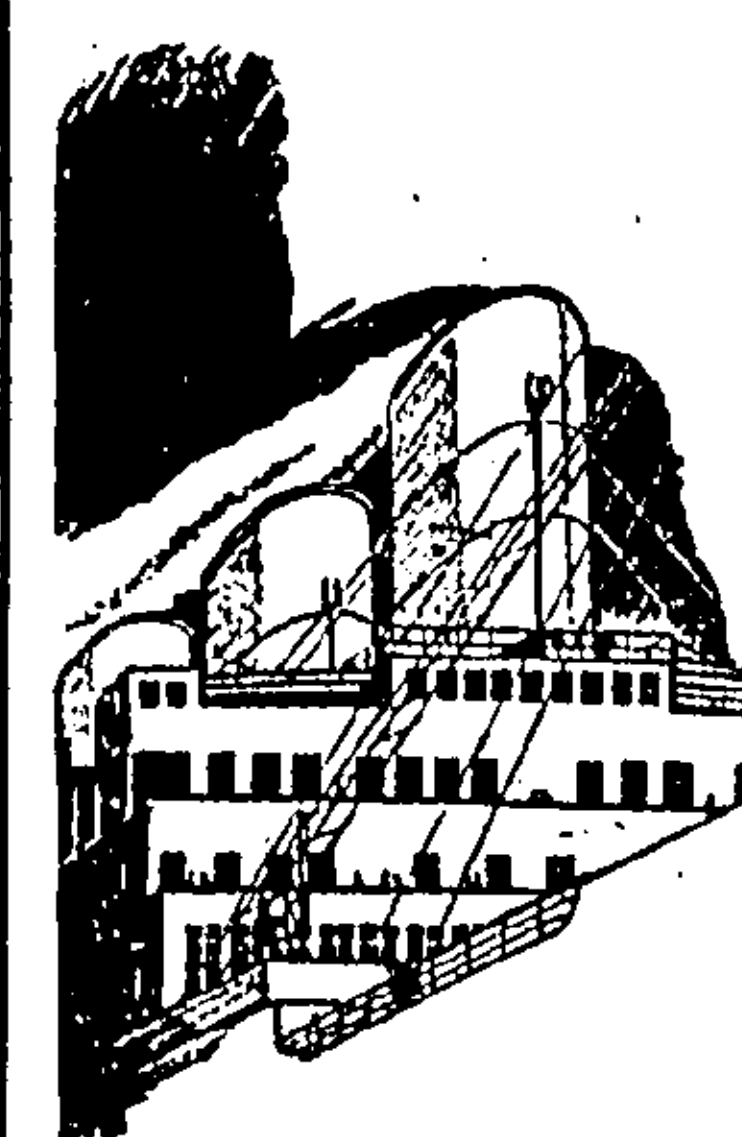
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Empress of Canada	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	Nov. 2	Nov. 9
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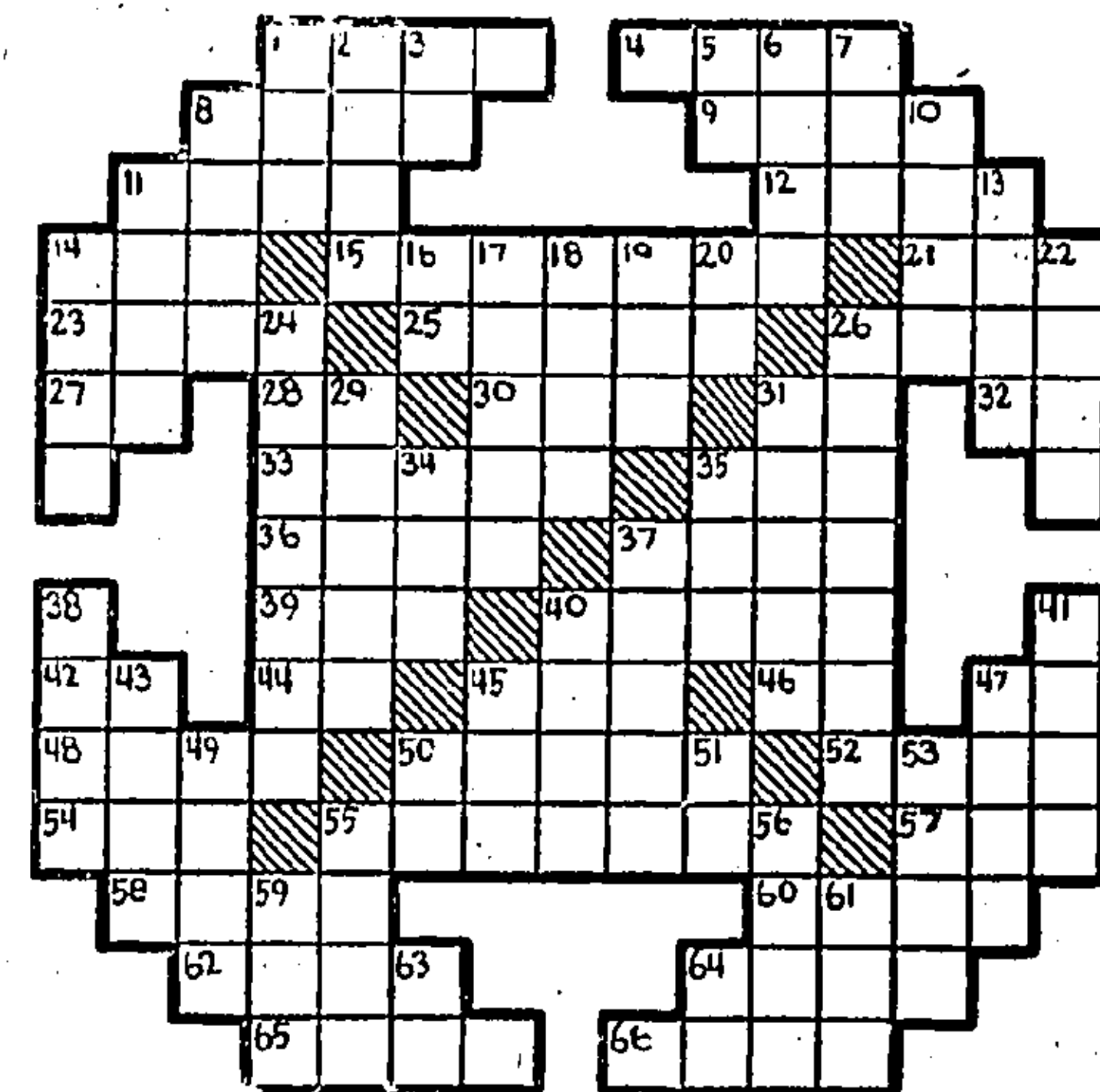
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HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1—Warmth	47—Thine	18—Sacred bull of Egypt (Egyp. myth.)
4—A liquid measure	48—A vegetable	19—Series
8—Thin	50—Slack	20—Ahead
9—A kingdom of S. E. Asia	52—Mid-day	22—An English school
11—Roman god of war	54—Time period (colloq.)	24—Part of the body
12—Verbal	55—Habitual drunkards	25—Taking one or the other of
14—A carpenter's tool	57—Female deer	28—A French protectorate in N. W. Africa
15—A breach of faith	59—Refined	31—A metal
21—Expire	60—Unform	34—Member of Legislative Council (abbr.)
23—At sea	62—Title	35—A constellation
25—A tree	64—Den	37—Shut
26—Choicest	65—A number	38—A spice
27—Pronoun	66—Grade	40—To engage, as steamer passage
30—Perch		41—Hard structure of the body
31—Exist	VERTICAL	43—The morning
32—Italian river	1—Pronoun	45—Woman's necklace
33—A French novelist	2—Point of compass	46—Early
35—Skill	3—Indefinite article	49—Shower
36—Kiss—Singly	4—Point of verb "to be"	50—Behold
37—The stomach of a bird	5—Kind of beast	51—Comparative suffix
38—Micah (abbr.)	7—Etruscan household god	53—Prize in Germany
42—Sated with pleasure	8—Tardy	55—Prefix—half
43—Part of verb "to be"	9—Constructed	56—Station
44—Plural suffix of some nouns	11—Finely divided rain	57—A wooden container
45—A sound made to frighten	14—Kindling designed to allure a fish	61—Contend
49—Point of compass (abbr.)	15—Egyptian sun-god	63—Printer's measure
	17—A literary composition	64—Musical note

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ADVERSARIA.

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Here we are again! If only
Again! you knew what
pleasure it gives
me to meet you all in this column
every Saturday. Oh, I should
shay so! Every word has to be
written on the typewriter, that
horrid mechanical device which
has nearly worn my two fingers
to the bone. If it worked
smoothly, all would be well. But
it jams, it jumps, and it jolts,
and when I have finished my
article my hands are black with
handling the ribbon and my
collar soaking. It would be far
better if I were to use a pen, but
the printers always find in my
handwriting a laudable excuse
for making countless errors.
For this I console myself with the
thought that the handwriting of
great men is ever conspicuous by
its illegibility. Look at Carlyle.
Did fowler fist ever pen word?
'Tis said of him that once an
inquisitive spider took a header
into his ink-pot, came out with
his paws all wet, and then
malignantly danced across his
writing pad. The page was
placed by his wife on a heap of
manuscript dealing with the
French Revolution, and sent to
the publishers. It is said to be
the best passage in the book.

It is quite easy
The Poor Old to fill those
Dollars. letters Home
nowadays.
There is but one subject—the
state of the dollar—and that is
the excuse for everything. One
has but to say: "Dear Mater, I
would have sent you a gorgeous
Chinese shawl—the one I have
had my eye on for the last six
months—but the dollar is only
worth elevenpence now, you
know, and it was two shillings
when I came here." But it
doesn't always go down with the
people at Home. One friend to
whom I told in detail the
Colony's woes, giving a scathing
criticism of the Banks, waxing
fat on Exchange profits, is him-
self a Director of a Bank at
Home. He said: "As a Bank
man I must protest that the
Banks are not double-dealing on
the exchange—I refer to the
Banks which are known to me,
such as the Hong Kong and

Shanghai, the Chartered, the
P. & O., the National City Bank
of New York, and the Mercan-
tile. I don't see how a reput-
able Bank can make large profits
on a falling exchange. Remem-
ber that the bulk of the share-
holders are British. The profits,
that is, the dividends, may be
payable in Hong Kong dollars and
may sound devilish high, but
when converted into sterling or
U.S. currency do not realise very
much—so the shareholder isn't
getting such a fat profit, after
all. If the capital is held locally
in local currency and the profits
appear to be large, remember
that a dividend of \$20, for in-
stance, has only the purchasing
power of \$10 a year ago, so that,
in spite of a doubled dividend
they are relatively no better off
than they were. Certainly the
Banks I wot of have not found
much occasion to rejoice in the
trading conditions out East—
which are about as bad as any-
where else. As I see it the
trouble in Hong Kong is that
you are flooded out by silver
from China proper—the result-
ing glut naturally depressing the
real or nominal value of the
Hong Kong dollar. If you can
get on a gold basis there should
be an improvement, for China
couldn't follow suit—or flood you
out with gold! But you've got
first of all to find the gold back-
ing or other suitable equivalent.

It sounds so easy to these
people at Home, sitting in cool
Board rooms with their feet on
the desk and a large Havana in
their mouths. Fancy telling me
to get on a gold basis. Why, I
can't even afford to have gold
teeth!

News in Brief.

The Yasukuni Maru, from Lon-
don, will arrive here on Tuesday
afternoon instead of Wednesday.

The Rev. N. V. Halward, M.C.
(Diocesan Chaplain), will preach in
St. Andrew's Church to-morrow
evening.

Mr. C. Champkin will be the
speaker at the Rotary Club on
Tuesday, his subject being "These
Money Theories."

Dr. G. A. C. Herklots, Reader in
Biology at the University, left
to-day for Shanghai, and will be
absent from the Colony one month.

A wireless message received from
the Asama Maru states: "Owing
to dense fog the Asama Maru will
arrive to-morrow (Sunday) at 6
a.m."

The preacher in St. John's Cath-
edral at evening to-morrow will be
the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, M.A.,
Vicar of St. Andrew's Church,
Kowloon.

Mr. J. H. Backhouse left for Van-
couver to-day by the s.s. Empress
of Japan. Other passengers for
Vancouver were Mr. and Mrs. A. H.
Ferguson and family.

It is notified that the names of
Jack A. Tal & Company, Limited,
and the Sai Nam Steamship Com-
pany, Limited, have been struck off
the Register of Companies.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Harston and
Misses Scott Harston left for
Shanghai by the s.s. Empress of
Japan to-day. The Hon. Mr.
J. P. Braga was a passenger by the
same liner.

Mr. G. B. Labrum, of 5 York
Road, Kowloon Tong, has reported
to the Police that between 8 o'clock
and midnight last night, some per-
son stole from the Kowloon parking
place in Salisbury Road, his
Triumph motor car.

Whilst taking in clothes on the
first floor of 60 High Street, Lung
Luk (45), a widow employed as
amah, fell out of the window to the
backyard, and sustained injuries to
her face, which necessitated her re-
moval to the Government Civil Hos-
pital.

A Chinese youth, charged with
the unlawful possession of a
revolver and 14 rounds of ammu-
nition at 3, Pak Tze Lane on May 14,
appeared before Mr. E. H. Williams
in the Second Police Court yester-
day. For the defence, Mr. D. B.
Evans said that the guilty knowledge
and custody of the pistol had not
been proved by the prosecution.
He emphasised the unlikelihood of
a man of regular occupation going
in for armed robberies. The
Magistrate, however, convicted and
passed sentence of six months' hard
labour. Det. Inspector Andrew
prosecuted.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cameron left
for Yokohama to-day by the s.s.
Empress of Japan.

At the Sanitary Board meeting
on Tuesday correspondence will be
read relative to the application for
an eating house licence at No. 78,
Queen's Road Central, ground floor,
and relative to an application to use
the basement of No. 6 Duddell
Street as a workshop.

A man named Kung Tong (32),
residing on the second floor of 247
Wanchai Road, was removed to the
Government Civil Hospital yester-
day, suffering from injuries to his
head, stated to have been caused
through a bag of cement falling on
him at 187 Johnston Road.

Yesterday Lau Kiu (42), a woman
living at 56, Hok Lo Chuen Village,
Kowloon City district, accidentally
fell off a scaffolding at a house in
the course of erection in Nullah
Street. She suffered bodily injuries
and shock, and died five minutes
after her admission to Kowloon
Hospital.

Yesterday at the Western Mar-
ket, two employees at a fish
stall are alleged to have suddenly
indulged in a scuffle, and one of
them seized an iron fish hanger and
thrust it into the other's chest.
The wounded man was removed to
hospital, and his assailant taken
into custody.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

KING'S BIRTHDAY PLANS.

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders
by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird,
D.S.O., O.B.E., state:—

PARADES.

Corps Signals.
Parade at Miniature Range at
5.30 p.m. on Thursday.

Parade for Signalling Instruc-
tion at Corps Headquarters at 5.30
p.m. on Friday.

Armoured Car Company.
Car Section—Instructors class
will parade at Headquarters for
Revolver drill on Friday at 5.30
p.m.

Machine Gun Company.
Parade on Tuesday at 5.30 p.m.
in mufti.

N.C.O.'s under C.S.M. Slattery.
Recruits under Sergt. C.E.M.
Terry.

Command 2nd Lieut. V. C.
Branson, M.C. to command No. 2
Platoon.

King's Birthday Parade. This
parade will take place on Wednes-
day morning, June 3, and it is
hoped that all ranks will make a
special effort to be present, so that
the Company will be able to main-
tain its record of being the strong-
est Company on parade on that day.

Platoon Commanders are asked
to supply the O.C. Company with
names of those who intend to be
present. These returns to be in by
Tuesday, May 26 at 5.30 p.m.

The Officers commanding the
undermentioned Units will issue
their orders separately to their
commands:—
I.—Corps Band.
II.—The Battery.
III.—Engineer Company.
IV.—Machine Gun Troop.
V.—Armoured Car Co., Motor
Cycle Section.
VI.—Scottish Company.
VII.—Portuguese Company.

King's Birthday Parade.
The Corps with Corps Band will
parade as strong as possible at
Corps Headquarters at 9.50 a.m. on
Wednesday, June 3, to take part in
the ceremonial parade in connec-
tion with the celebration of His
Majesty's Birthday.

Dress:—Review Order, i.e.
Helmet, Khaki Jacket, Shorts,
Puttees, Hosiery and Black boots.
Belt, Rifle and Bayonet.

Medals will be worn.

The Machine Gun Troop will
ride past His Excellency The
Governor. This Unit will follow
immediately in rear of 1st Moun-
tain Battery, Hong Kong & Singa-
pore Brigade, Royal Artillery.

Parade—Causeway Bay Stable
at 8.45 a.m.

The Motor Cycle Section will
parade as Escort to His Excellency
The Governor, under separate
instructions.

Further details as to compo-
sition of Companies and Colour Party
will be published later.

Musketry Cup.
The Engineer Company has won
the Musketry Challenge Cup pre-
sented by The Commandant for
season 1930. The Commandant
offers his congratulations to Cap-
tain M. A. Johnson, M.M., and to
his Company on winning the Cup.

The Winning Company retain
the Cup for one year.

Efficiency Cup.
The Battery has won the Effi-
ciency Cup for the training year
1930-31. The Commandant con-
gratulates Lieut. L. F. Nicholson
and all ranks of his Battery on
winning the Cup.

The Battery retains the cup for
one year.

Efficiency Board.
The Efficiency Board will be held

at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on
Tuesday.

All O.C. Units will be in at-
tendance at that hour.

Headquarters Staff.
In future the Commandant, Ad-
jutant and Quartermaster will be
at Headquarters on Tuesday,
Thursday and Friday evenings
only during the Summer months,
unless work of an urgent nature
has to be dealt with in which case
special appointments will be made
with those concerned.

In this connection it is notified
that a set of Note Books (one for
each O.C.) has been placed in the
Office of the Adjutant in which
Officers Commanding Companies
etc. can enter notes on any subject
which they wish The Adjutant to
deal with should the latter not be
present at the hour at which the
Officer concerned visits Headquar-
ters (repeated).

Marksmen.
The following have qualified as
marksmen and are entitled to wear
the badges for one year:—
No. 1186 C.S.M. M. F. Baptista,
No. 9 Platoon.

No. 1601 Pte. L. Soares, No. 10
Platoon.

Transfer.
No. 1451 Pte. E. Himsforth,
Armoured Car Company, Car Sec-
tion, is transferred to Medical
Section with effect from 22.5.31.

Appointments and Promotions.
The following of the Armoured
Car Company, Motor Cycle Sec-
tion, have been appointed and pro-
moted with effect from 22.5.31:—
No. 705 A/C.S.M. B. S. Rogers
appointed C.S.M. (A.C. Company).
No. 1085 Acting L/Sergt. B. L.
Groome appointed Sergeant.

No. 1665 Pte. K. C. Hamilton
promoted to Corporal.

Struck Off The Strength.
Having left the Colony.—No.
1584 Pte. B. M. Vieira, No. 12A
Platoon as from 22.5.31.

Strength.
The following has been taken on
Corps Strength:—
No. 1697 Sign. K. S. Mehal,
Corps Signals, 15.5.31.

Leave.
No. 1643 Pte. E. A. Walter, No.
7 Platoon, granted 12 months'
leave from 1.3.31 to 1.3.32.

(Sgd) W. H. G. GOATER, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

NOTICE.

Presentation of Troop Pony.
The Commandant wishes to
thank very much indeed Mr. K. H.
Kay, who has presented a pony
"The Jamaica" to The Machine Gun
Troop.

R.E. Annual Rifle Meeting.
The R.E. Annual Rifle Meeting
will be held on the morning of
June 7, and members of the En-
gineer Company are invited to at-
tend.

It is essential that all those who
would like to shoot, send in their
names to Lieut. Waring, R.E.,
Wellington Barracks, by May 30.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GAS CO.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]

Sir,—Recently the Hong Kong
and China Gas Co., Ltd., announced
a temporary increase of 10 per cent.
in their charges on account of the
unfavourable exchange and added
that when the exchange returns to
normalcy, this increase would be
dropped.

A few months have elapsed and
this increase has been dropped. But
in the same breath the Gas Co.
proposes to charge \$4 per 1,000
cubic feet of gas from the 1st inst.
This means an increase of 33.1/3
per cent. according to a notice sent,
presumably, to all consumers.

Sir, it interests the public to
know (1) whether in Hong Kong a
public utility company with, prob-
ably, a Government charter can
increase its charges by 33.1/3 per
cent. without the sanction of the
local Government; (2) whether the
wide-awake Kowloon Residents'
Association proposes to allow this
breach of faith with the public to
pass muster without taking action;
and (3) whether the notice referred
to above and dated April 25, 1931, is
valid for increase of charges to take
effect from May 1, 1931.

Yours, etc.,
CONSUMER.

Hong Kong, May 22.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
May 23, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5%.

After being out of action for
about six months, the Gap Rock
cable was rejoined and made fit for
use at 8.30 this morning, by the
cable steamer now in harbour.

The job, as may be imagined, was
a difficult one and incidentally an
interesting one. The loose end
was found by the grapnels and
found to pass under a Government
cable later put down. The latter
had to be raised to the surface, and
the under cable cut and rejoined, we
understand.

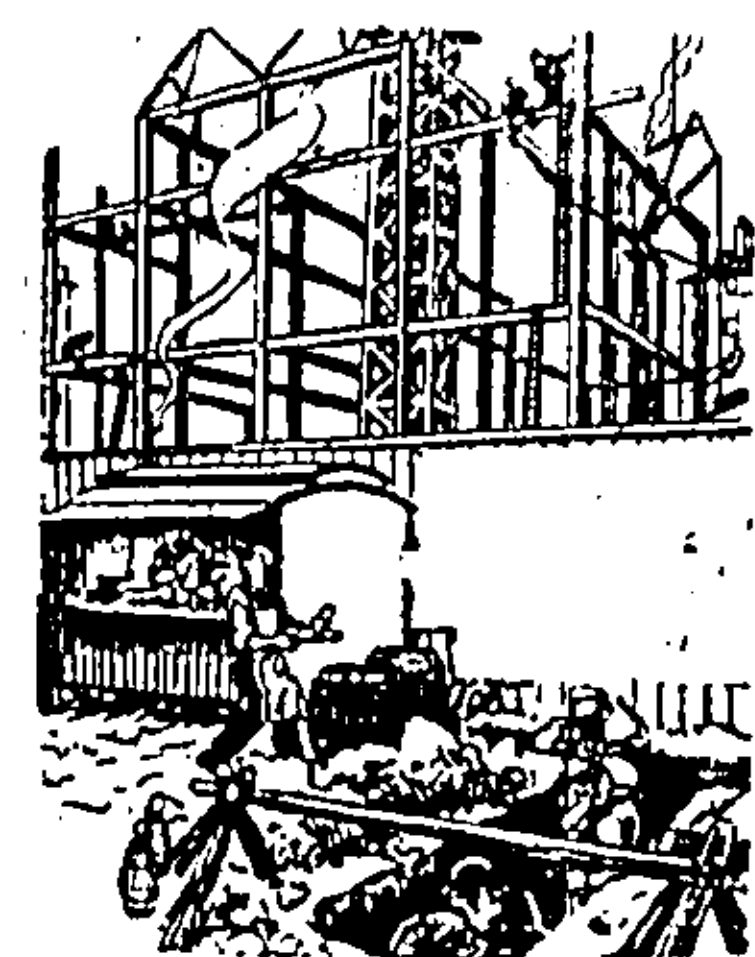
THE LOG Of The "TRADER HORN" Expedition.

by W. S. Van Dyke
Exclusive to the "China Mail"

Murchison Falls, Uganda.

The good fortune which marked our first day of filming at Panyamur deserted us almost before we were aware of its existence. I had hoped on the following afternoon to complete the opening sequences of the picture in time to begin breaking camp the same day—preparatory to leaving for Murchison Falls. In this I was disappointed, however, for when I awoke the next morning, I found the sky heavily overcast and a steady downpour falling. Although the rain abated the next day, it was not until the fourth day after our first shots were taken that we were favoured with the white billowy clouds and blue sky that have come to be associated with an African landscape. By that time we had gone over the scene so often that it was a matter of only a few minutes in the actual taking. By sundown we had packed all our kit except the few personal items we would need overnight and everything was set for an early start the next morning.

Several New Faces.
During the day preceding our departure several new faces had come to grace our festive board. First there was Dr. Carpenter, the Chief Medical Officer of Uganda, who dropped in on his return from an inspection tour at Murchison Falls to report that with certain provisions we would be allowed to camp there. We were to be strictly on our own risk, he told us, and would not be permitted to take with us any resident of Uganda—either native or European. In addition he demanded that we clear our campsite of all brush for a distance of one hundred feet on each side—the usual manner of combating tsetse fly and mosquitoes—and that we place our-



Coffee Stall Assistant: "Another coffee for the basement, George, and a sandwich twice for the second floor."—Passing Show, London.

selves strictly under the orders of our own doctor who had accompanied our safari from Nairobi. This we readily agreed to, being very thankful that our plans had not been impeded by a flat refusal. Dr. Carpenter remained with us for dinner one night and then departed, quite as casually as he had come, for other business in the direction of Butiaba.

Such is the process of an official visit in Uganda—the importance of the occasion veiled in pleasant informality.

"I Am Huddan."
It was two days before we left Panyamur, I believe, that I encountered Huddan. Early one morning I was on my way to the location from camp when, arriving at the native trail that follows along the shore, I was startled by the sight of a white man riding a bicycle, followed by several natives with kit bags and bathtubs. He dismounted upon seeing me and, carefully adjusting a monocle in his right eye, walked up to me with the assertion, "I am Huddan, the A.D.C." Now in fairness let me say that he later turned out to be one of my best friends, but when I saw him that morning I must confess I could think of only one thing—a drawing in a last year's periodical which portrayed an anaemic young man with a walrus moustache, clad in a bathing suit and looking out over the water as he pounds his chest in rather an insincere manner. As I recall, it was captioned, "Gad, it's great to be alive!" The fact that he was Huddan, the A.D.C. made no impression upon me at the moment. I believe I laughed. After a moment conversation I sent him up to camp for breakfast.

Trials Of An A.D.C.
As I learned later, he was the Assistant District Commissioner, stationed at Arua, almost on the border of the Belgian Congo. And the fact that he resembled the typical young British Clubman had nothing to do with the facts in the case, for if there is any job in the world that demands rugged health, iron nerves and cool-headedness it is that of A.D.C. in Africa. For periods of six weeks at a time they are required to safari through their

districts, settling quarrels among the natives, hunting their own food and administering to any of their charges who may be sick or injured. The position is one of trust requiring endurance and fearlessness. During that time it is seldom that they come across one white man or speak one word of English.

Huddan is still with us. He pitched his tent in our encampment and continued with us when we left Panyamur. We are indebted to him for much valuable information about the natives of this district and the best facilities for mail and transportation.

Pete Parson.
I think I was in the bar of the New Stanley hotel in Nairobi that I first heard of Pete Parson. He is a sort of mythical character in those parts, whose name is closely associated with elephants and ivory. By some reports he is accredited with the killing of 1,000 elephants, others say that nobody knows the exact number. Universally he is considered one of the three greatest hunters of Africa. At present he is Chief Game Ranger of Uganda the representative of the Governor—a job made-to-order for one of his bent.

It is his duty to roam the Uganda Game Preserve, where no other white man except the Governor is allowed to shoot, and reduce the elephants. He represents the birth control among the elephants of Uganda and it's due to his efforts chiefly that the giant beasts are kept within reasonable limits and prevented from seriously damaging life and property in the native settlements within the Preserve. Naturally, I was intrigued with the news from the Governor that Pete Parson would be sent with us to Murchison Falls as his personal representative to protect his interests and to guard our lives.

Laconic And Demonstrative.
On the day before our departure he arrived on the Samuel Baker and strolled into camp, followed by the usual boys who accompany every African "travelling man." He is a large square shouldered man, laconic and demonstrative, probably 55 years old. His eyes are blood-shot from his twenty-three years in the feverish climate of central Africa and a severe black moustache partly covers the hard lines around his mouth. Oddly enough, he looks exactly as one would expect him. Were I casting an African hunter in a moving picture, I could think of not better character than Pete Parson to play the part. He set up his bed and mosquito netting that first night in camp and prepared to leave with us on the following morning.

At five o'clock this morning we were called for an early breakfast. The Livingston—a small passenger boat no larger than a harbour tug—was waiting to take us up the Victoria Nile to Murchison Falls. Our equipment was to be stored in the hold and loaded on a tender which would be taken in tow. The electrical equipment on the barge would be sent direct to Rhino camp, since the vicinity of the Falls offers no chance of effective artificial lighting. I estimated that in three trips the Livingston could transport our camp to its next location.

Ridiculous Screech.
At nine thirty the load limit was reached. The Livingston emitted its ridiculous screech from the stream whistle and we were off into the tsetse fly country.

From Lake Albert for a distance of perhaps ten miles inland the Victoria Nile winds through a maze of floating vegetation and papyrus, alive with tropical birds, snakes and every variety of fish. The channels are narrow and are shifted about occasionally by the current. Travelling therefore, is necessarily slow and soundings must be taken almost continually even though the Livingston draws but three feet of water.

We had gone less than half an hour when we turned a hand corner and burst suddenly upon at least fifty Hippopotami swimming and playing about in the shallow water. They seemed but little disturbed by our presence, bothering themselves only to snort in our direction and submerge. We could see them after we had passed, looking at us and swimming slowly in our wake.

Hippo Quite Fearless.
After that the sight of Hippo became a matter of only casual interest. The entire river is teeming with them and the fact that they are protected by law and that few visitors are allowed in the district has made them quite fearless of man and his steamboats.

About noon, when we were thirty miles from Panyamur, we came upon our first good sight of a crocodile. He was lying quite alone, on a bit of sandy beach—the banks of the river had by this time become

EMPIRE DAY.

MESSAGE FROM ADMIRAL EARL JELICOE.

OFFICIAL GREETINGS.

The following annual message of greeting by Earl Jellicoe, President of the Empire Day Movement, has been issued through the office of the Colonial Secretary:

"The great honour of succeeding the late Earl of Meath as President of the Empire Day Movement has fallen to my lot, and following his example I send you greetings on the occasion of Empire Day.

"The spirit in which the celebration of May 24 was founded was never more necessary than to-day, when the British Empire is confronted with most difficult and weighty problems, and it is my earnest hope that the people of the Empire will face those problems with true sympathy and comradeship.

"We have a vast responsibility: the greatest Empire the world has ever known has been handed down to us by our forefathers. It is an Empire which stands for all that is good in the modern world. Let us be worthy of our destiny."

JELICOE.
A. F.
London.

solid land. It is hard to describe the revolution that occasions one's first experience with a wild crocodile. It may be a peculiarity of my own, but I wanted to do nothing else in the world but kill the animal on the spot.

It is hard to visit any river or lake settlement in Africa without hearing of continual loss of life to the crocodiles and when you actually come face to face with one it is almost instinctive to want to revenge some of the unfortunate natives who have paid the price of trying to bathe in African waters. There seems little reason in the scheme of things for their existence.

Alive With Crocs.
Toward afternoon the presence of crocodiles increased enormously. Every sandy beach of any size was alive with them, lying with their mouths open, allowing the birds to pick the leeches out of their gums—as Pete informed me. They seem to mingle freely with the Hippos who pay no attention whatever to them, but give them a sound beating in case of an argument. In one particular spot—an island near our destination, we passed at least two hundred crocs covering every available inch of land and lying on top of one another in some cases.

Although there was no way of judging, I am sure that some were at least twenty-five feet from tip of nose to tail.

Just before reaching our present campsite in a small lagoon we came upon a mother Hippo with her two tots, or baby hippos. Through fright, perhaps, she neglected to get out of our way until we were within ten or twelve feet of her and then, finding her retreat cut off, decided to charge us. Partly submerged, she came straight for our bow, travelling much faster than we. Those of us who were at the bow made speedy withdrawal, and I must confess, for a moment I had serious doubts that we would weather the shock. She hit us almost head on, coming up underneath and attempting, apparently, to upset us. The ship gave a violent lurch, heeled over to starboard and stuck one rail under water. We had come to almost a complete stop. Fortunately, we righted quickly, thanks to the flat construction of the boat and were soon on our way, leaving the mamma Hippo in a somewhat dazed and groggy condition behind us. I have been told since that such is an every day occurrence to the traveller on the Victoria Nile, but I can assure you it seems anything but that the first time.

Polite Crocs.
At 3.30 we reached a widening of the river below the Falls where we had camped on the occasion of our previous visit. The shore has been trampled down by the tracks of countless Hippo and crocs, affording a suitable landing place for the boat. When we turned the nose of the boat inward the dozen or more crocs who were sunning themselves there took to the water and allowed us to land.

Without making any attempt to establish a permanent camp we threw up enough tents to cover everybody for the night and settled down to a meal of tinned corned beef, canned beans, applesauce and coffee.

At present writing I am situated fifteen feet from shore. I can flash my light into the water from my tent door and see the eyes of seven or eight crocodiles, shining like rubies in the blackness of the river. There is a fire-burning on the landing place and the native boys are waiting with firebrands to chase back into the water any Hippo who feels that they can't forego the adventure of scampering through camp.

[To Be Continued.]

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels; Dinner Dance at Peninsula Hotel; Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Feet First."
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Min and Bill."
To-day—Central Theatre; "Anybody's War."
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "All Quiet on the Western Front."
To-day—World Theatre; "The Desert Song."

Home Mails.
To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Comorin).
Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 8.

Miscellaneous.
Monday—Whist drive at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

CANNES TAKE ROLES OF COMEDIANS.

"ANYBODY'S WAR."

One of the most important character roles of the talkie season has fallen to the lot of Mutt, diminutive trouper who, at four years and a half, is one of the real veterans of filmland.

Mutt is a dog. He plays the character of Deep Stuff, the favourite pet of Charley Mack, of Moran and Mack in the Two Black Crows' latest talkie comedy, "Anybody's War."

Mutt's part runs throughout the entire picture, the dog even invading the trenches of both foes in the War.

When Mutt was born four years and a half ago, he was the disgrace of a beautiful litter of puppies whose of father is "Clown," many years champion of the Norfolk Kennels.

Because Mutt was particularly smart yet denied by appearance of ever gathering ribbons or cups in a show, Henry East purchased him for screen acting purposes.

Mutt started in pictures when nine months of age. He worked in a number of Educational "Big Boy" comedies, was with Bebe Daniels in "Stranded in Paris" and Clara Bow in "Hula." He has had other screen parts but none as important as the present characterisation of Deep Stuff.

In addition to Mutt there are 78 other dogs, representing much more than 78 breeds, in the production. And as comedians par excellence, they produce much more than 78 laughs. In fact "Anybody's War" is one of the most uproarious feature pictures in many a moon.

It comes to the Central Theatre to-day.

"DESERT SONG."

Quite the most delightful comedy scenes in the history of the talking picture take place between Louise Fazenda and Johnny Arthur, the two funsters in the all-star cast in "The Desert Song," the Warner Brothers Vitaphone production which has made screen history as the first operetta to be transferred to films in its entirety, and which may be seen on the screen of the World Theatre.

The fair Louise, transformed into a ravishing blonde by means of a golden wig, plays the part of Susan, and Arthur is Benjamin Kidd, an eccentric newspaper correspondent who is captured by a marauding Riff band under the leadership of the mysterious Red Shadow, and who is reduced to abject terror before he is finally released as harmless. Subsequently Susan and Benjie wander for two days over the desert mounted on a procrastinating donkey which is only induced to move in a forward direction by a wisp of hay suspended a few inches in front of his nose.

"MIN AND BILL."

The most successful husband and wife team in motion pictures is responsible for "Min and Bill," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's sensational drama of the waterfront with Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery in the principal roles. The team consists of George Hill, the director, and Frances Marion, who adapted the scenario from the novel, "Dark Star," by the late Lorna Moon. Hill directed "The Big House" from his wife's original scenario and they also worked together on "The Cossacks" and other pictures.

COMING ???

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Headmaster, HUGH F. MARTIN, B.A., (Oxon.)

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—
Bank, wire 11 1/2
Bank, on demand 11 1/2
Bank, 4 months' sight 11 9/16
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/— 3/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/— 5/16
On Paris—
On demand 595
Credits, 4 months' sight 635
On Berlin—
On demand Nom.
On New York—
On demand 23 5/16
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 7/16
On Bombay—
Wire 64 1/2
On demand 64 1/2
On Calcutta—
On demand 64 1/2
On Singapore—
On demand 41 3/4
On Manila—
On demand 46 3/4
On Shanghai—
On demand 77 3/4
Dollar 64 1/2 dis.
On Yokohama—
On demand 47 1/4
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 1/— 1/2
Silver (per oz.) 12 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong Nom.
Copper Cash Nom.
Copper Cents 3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest 3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin : 23 3/4% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.
Paris 124.37 1/2
New York 4.86 9/16
Brussels 34.96
Geneva 25.21 1/2
Amsterdam 12.10 1/4
Milan 92.93 1/2
Berlin 20.43 1/2
Stockholm 18.14 1/2
Copenhagen 18.16 1/2
Oslo 18.16 1/2
Vienna 34.61 1/2
Prague 164 1/4
Helsingfors 193 1/4
Madrid 49.25
Lisbon 108.25
Athens 375
Bazarest 217
Rio 3-21/64
Buenos Aires 34 9/16
Montevideo 29 3/4
Bombay 1/5 27/32
Shanghai 1/23 1/4
Yokohama 2/— 13/32
Hong Kong 11 1/4
—British Wireless Service.

DECORATION SENT BACK.

Archbishop Who Was Not Allowed In Italy.

Mgr. Yeglitich, the octogenarian Archbishop of Lyublyana, a short time ago wanted to be present at the celebration of the silver jubilee of Mgr. Sedej, Archbishop of Gorizia. His Grace received a visa from the Italian Consul in Lyublyana, but on arriving at the frontier was turned back by the Italian authorities and was not allowed to enter Italy. Mgr. Yeglitich has now sent back to Signor Mussolini the insignia of the Order of St. Maurice and Lazarus which he had received from the King of Italy in 1926 for services rendered on the occasion of the transport of the bodies of Italian soldiers killed during the War from Lyublyana to Italy. In the accompanying message the Archbishop explained that as the Italian Government did not think him fit to enter Italy he no longer wished to wear an Italian decoration.



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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

RAIN INTERFERES WITH CRICKET.

CHAMPIONS WIN.

Sussex Captain Scores
Brilliant Century.

NEW ZEALANDERS' DRAW.

London, Yesterday.
For the first time in the cricket
programme there was a larger per-
centage of drawn games than out-
right victories. This was due to
rain which fell over Worcester,
Oxford, and the Metropolitan area.
Scoring, however, was on the
heavy side, 6,259 runs being scored
for the loss of 251 wickets—an
average of 25 runs per batsman.
The feature of the mid-week
programme was the formidable
total put up by Sussex at the Oval
and the brilliant century by K. S.
Duleepsinhji. Since taking over
the Sussex captaincy "Duleep" has
not astounded the cricket world
by amassing great individual
scores, but at last he has come
out of his shell and yesterday
scored 162 against the Surrey at-
tack. It is considered improbable
that the responsibilities of captaincy
will rest too heavily on the
shoulders of this youthful and
dashing batsman.

Bowley during the course of the
game registered his second century
of the season, and Maurice Tate,
the All-England bowler, showed
that he has not lost that "devil,"
which has made him famous, by
taking 6 wickets at a cost of 8
runs apiece on a plumb Oval
wicket.

On the neighbouring ground at
Leyton, Derbyshire compiled the
formidable total of 435 for 8
wickets declared, Smith and Lee
registering their first centuries of
the season. Essex forced to fol-
low on 248 runs in arrears lost
one wicket for 5 runs in their
second venture before rain saved
the game.

Lancashire returned to the role
as champions when they defeated
Gloucestershire by 246 runs.
Tyldesley was again in good bow-
ling form and was largely respon-
sible for their victory when taking
eleven wickets in the two inn-
ings.

Paine, the youthful Warwick-
shire bowler again did well yester-
day, capturing 11 Cambridge
wickets for 84 runs, thus giving
Warwickshire their first victory
of the season. Oxford snatched
a lead of 24 runs on the first inn-
ings against Gloucestershire be-
fore rain caused the match to be
abandoned. Sinfield contributed
161 not out to the visitors' total
of 374, and it was only due to a
brilliant effort by the Nawab of
Pataudi (169) that the University
was able to pass this total.

Notts found little difficulty in
defeating Somerset, Larwood again
proving his worth by taking half
the wickets for 30 runs to dismiss
Somerset for 62 runs in the first
innings.

At Worcester the New Zealand-
ers conceded a lead of 71 runs on
the first innings. Gibbons, a bats-
man who came into the limelight
in 1926 as the result of prolific
scoring coupled with stylish play,
scored his first century of the sea-
son and the second against the
New Zealand touring eleven.

Below are the full results of the
mid-week programme as cabled by
Reuter:
Below are appended the full re-
sults as cabled by Reuter:
Derbyshire took first innings
points from Essex at Leyton.

Scores:
Derby 435 for 8 dec. (Smith 131,
Lee 147).
Essex: 187 and 5 for 1.
Lancashire beat Glamorganshire
by 246 runs at Swansea.
Scores:
Lancashire: 247 and 307 for 6
dec.

FIRST CLASS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE TO DATE.

	P.	W.	L.	Wt.	Loss	Pts.	Pts.
Gloucestershire (2)	5	3	0	1	1	75	53
Kent (5)	5	3	0	0	0	45	45
Notts (4)	4	2	1	1	0	60	36
Yorkshire (3)	2	2	0	0	0	30	30
Lancashire (1)	4	2	2	0	0	60	30
Middlesex (16)	3	1	0	2	0	45	25
Sussex (7)	3	1	0	1	1	45	23
Somersetshire (10)	4	1	1	2	0	30	21
Worcestershire (11)	3	1	1	1	0	45	20
Surrey (8)	5	0	2	2	1	75	19
Glamorganshire (11)	3	1	2	0	0	45	15
Derbyshire (9)	5	0	2	3	0	75	15
Leicestershire (12)	2	0	0	1	2	45	11
Hampshire (18)	2	0	0	1	1	30	8
Northamptonshire (17)	2	0	1	0	2	45	8
Essex (9)	5	0	3	0	2	75	8
Warwickshire (15)	3	2	3	0	0	45	0

The figures in brackets were the positions occupied by the
counties at the close of the 1930 season. The method of scoring
this year is as follows:—15 points for a win; 7½ points for a draw;
2 points for a win on the first innings and 8 points for a loss
on first innings; 4 points for a win on the first innings and 4
points for a no result.

DENMARK IN THE SEMI FINAL.

Defeat of Poland in
Third Round.

EUROPEAN ZONE.

Copenhagen, Yesterday.
Denmark beat Poland to-day by
three matches to two in the third
round of the Davis Cup and now
meet either Italy or Czecho-
Slovakia in the semi-final of the
European zone.
Full results as cabled by Reu-
ter were as follow:
Tlozynski (Poland) beat Hen-
riksen (Denmark) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Ulrich (Denmark) beat Hedba
(Poland) 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

Earlier Results.

Ulrich and Henriksen (Den-
mark) beat Stolarow and Tlozyn-
ski (Poland) 6-1, 7-9, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Henriksen (Denmark) defeated
Hedba (Poland) 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.
Tlozynski (Poland) beat Ulrich
(Denmark) 8-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Glamorganshire: 138 (Tyldesley
(R) 4 for 36; 170 (Tyldesley
(R) 7 for 79).

Warwickshire beat Cambridge U.
by 109 runs at Cambridge.

Scores:
Warwickshire 209 and 172 for
7 dec.

Cambridge: 155 (Paine 7 for
37); 117 (Paine 4 for 47).

Oxford U. drew with Gloucester-
shire at Oxford.

Scores:
Gloucester: 374 (Sinfield 161*);
Oxford: 398 for 8 (Nawab of
Pataudi 169).

Middlesex took first innings
points from Leicester at Lord's.

The following were the most
noteworthy batting and bowling
feats accomplished during the
mid-week cricket programme:—

Batting.

Nawab of Pataudi (Oxford) 169
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex) 162
Sinfield (Gloucester) 161*
Lee (Derby) 147
Bowley (Sussex) 144
Smith (Derby) 131
Gibbons (Worcester) 118
Hobbs (Surrey) 117

* Denotes not out.

Bowling.

Paine (Warwick) 11 for 84
Tyldesley (R.) (Lancs.) 11 for 115
Tate (Sussex) 6 for 48
J. C. White (Somerset) 6 for 77
V. W. C. Jupp (North.) 6 for 99
Gregory (Surrey) 6 for 135
Hardinge (Kent) 5 for 12
Larwood (Notts.) 5 for 30
Freeman (Kent) 5 for 85

Scores:—

Middlesex: 267 and 142 for 8.
Leicester: 250.

Sussex took first innings points
from Surrey at the Oval.

Scores:—

Surrey 232 (Hobbs 117, Tate 6
for 48); 34 for 2.
Sussex 470 for 7 dec. (Bowley
144, K. S. Duleepsinhji 162,
Gregory 6 for 135).

Notts beat Somerset by 139 runs
at Bath.

Scores:—

Notts 168 (J. C. White 6 for 77)
240 for 7 dec.
Somerset: 62 (Larwood 5 for
30); 207.

Worcestershire drew with the
New Zealanders at Worcester.

Scores:—

Worcester: 286 (Gibbons 118)
112 for 7.
New Zealand: 215.

Kent beat Northamptonshire by
ten wickets at Northampton.

Scores:—

Northants: 188 (Freeman 5 for
85); 136 (Hardinge 5 for 12).
Kent: 223 (V. W. C. Jupp 6 for
99); 103 for no wicket.

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A NEW CHAMPION.

Martin Smith Defeats
De Forrest.

HIGH SCORING.

In the final round of the Am-
ateur Golf Championship decided at
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Royal St. George's, defeated John
de Forrest, of Addington, by one
hole over 36 holes.
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as the victory indicates although
the scoring was high, no doubt
due to the importance of the oc-
casion and the large crowd.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY
AND MONDAY.

The Secretary of the Royal
Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the
following list of starting times
for Fanling:—

SUNDAY.

9.24 a.m. H. Pearce, W. J. Riddi-
ford.
9.28 " W. R. Scott, W. Wright.
9.32 " H. R. Remington, P. S.
Cassidy.
9.36 " A. H. Penn, V. R.
Gordon.
9.40 " A. Leach, D. Forbes.
9.44 " J. W. Alabaster, R. L.
Stewart.
9.48 " G. B. Lane, R. D.
Wrigley.
9.52 " A. Reid, D. J. Gilmore.
9.56 " C. Thwaites, C. Mycock.
10.00 " O. Eager, A. D. Hum-
phreys.
10.04 " W. C. Shields, E. D.
Matthews.
10.08 " J. D. Danby, R. C. Law.
10.12 " J. E. Richardson, J. G.
Campbell.
10.16 " C. J. D. Law, C. B.
Terdre.
10.20 " R. H. Wild, C. B.
Johnson.
10.24 " E. G. Price, R. H.
Dowler.
10.28 " T. J. Price, W. Mulcahy.
10.32 " G. H. M. Robertson, C.
Boumphey.
10.36 " S. T. Butlin, N. E.
Littlejohn.
10.40 " N. S. Ellis, T. Lindars.
10.44 " G. Marselle, J. B.
Lanyon.
10.48 " A. Parker, J. Coulthart.

WHIT MONDAY.

9.24 a.m. G. Marselle, J. W.
Alabaster.
9.28 " A. Leach, F. A. Red-
mond.
9.32 " R. K. Hepburn, A.
Piercy.
9.36 " L. B. Smith, J. B.
Lanyon.
9.40 " A. D. Humphreys, C.
Mycock.
9.44 " E. G. Price, R. H.
Dowler.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.
LAWN BOWLS.—To-day—
Division I.—Kowloon Dock v.
C.S.C.C.; Craigengower v. Re-
creio; Police v. K.C.C.; Taikee v.
K.B.G.C.; Division II.—Recreio v.
Craigengower; C.S.C.C. v. H.K.
Electric; K.C.C. v. Yacht Club;
K.B.G.C. v. Taikee.
May 30.—Entries close for
C.S.C.C. Competitions.
RACING.—To-day and Mon-
day.—Slith Extra Race Meeting.
GOLF.—To-morrow—Royal Hong
Kong Golf Club Junior Section v.
Kowloon Golf Club at Happy
Valley.
Summer Cup (First Round) at
Kowloon Golf Club.
FENCING.—Monday.—Hong
Kong Fencing Club at 5.15 p.m.
WATER POLO.—Monday.—En-
tries close for League, 6 p.m.

HOME.

CRICKET.—To-day, Monday and
Tuesday.
Glamorgan v. New Zealand.
Middlesex v. Sussex.
Essex v. Worcester.
Lancashire v. Yorkshire.
Somerset v. Kent.
Northants v. Leicester.
Notts v. Surrey.
Warwick v. Derby.
Gloucester v. Hampshire.
FOOTBALL.—To-morrow—Swit-
zerland v. Scotland at Geneva.
YACHTING.—To-day.—Royal
Harwich Regatta.
MOTOR CYCLING.—To-day—
French Gold Cup.
RACING.—To-morrow—Belgian
Derby at Brussels.

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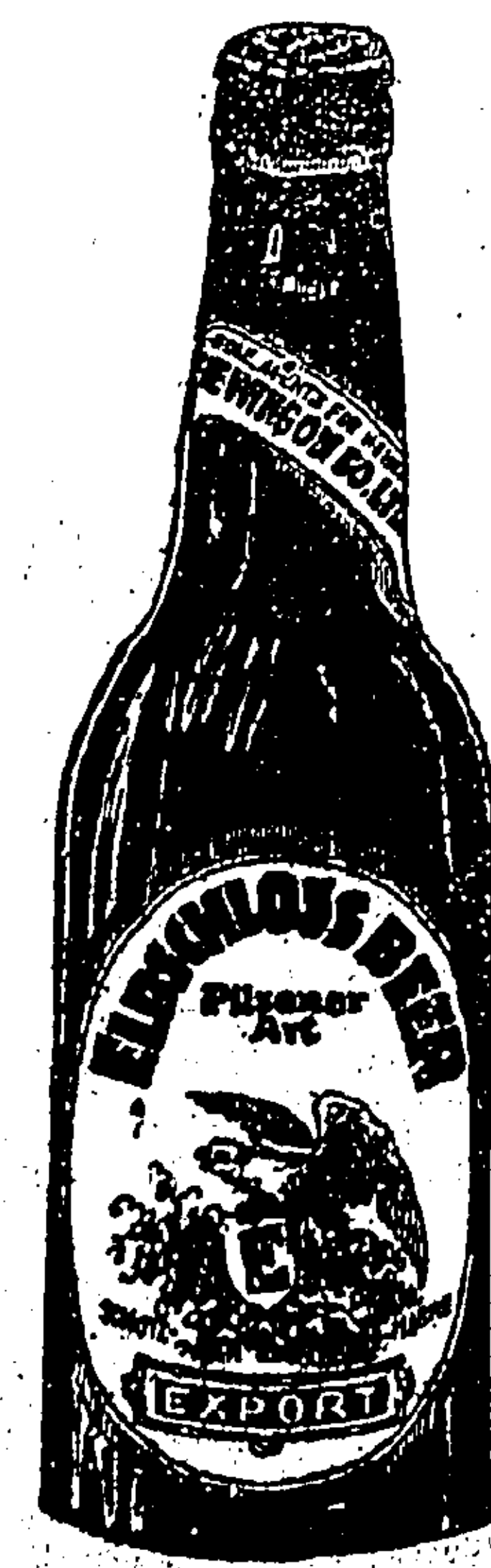
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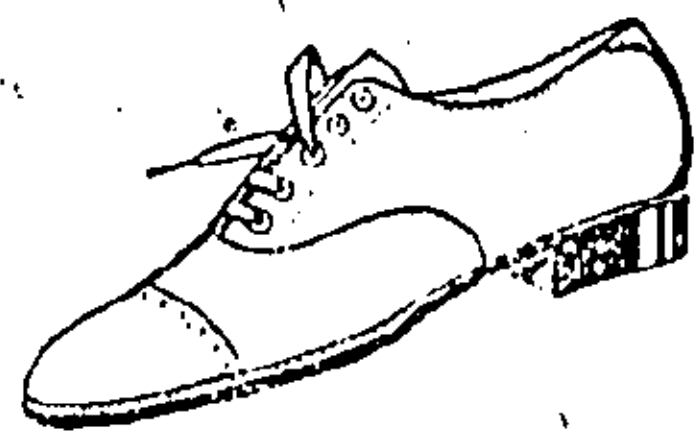


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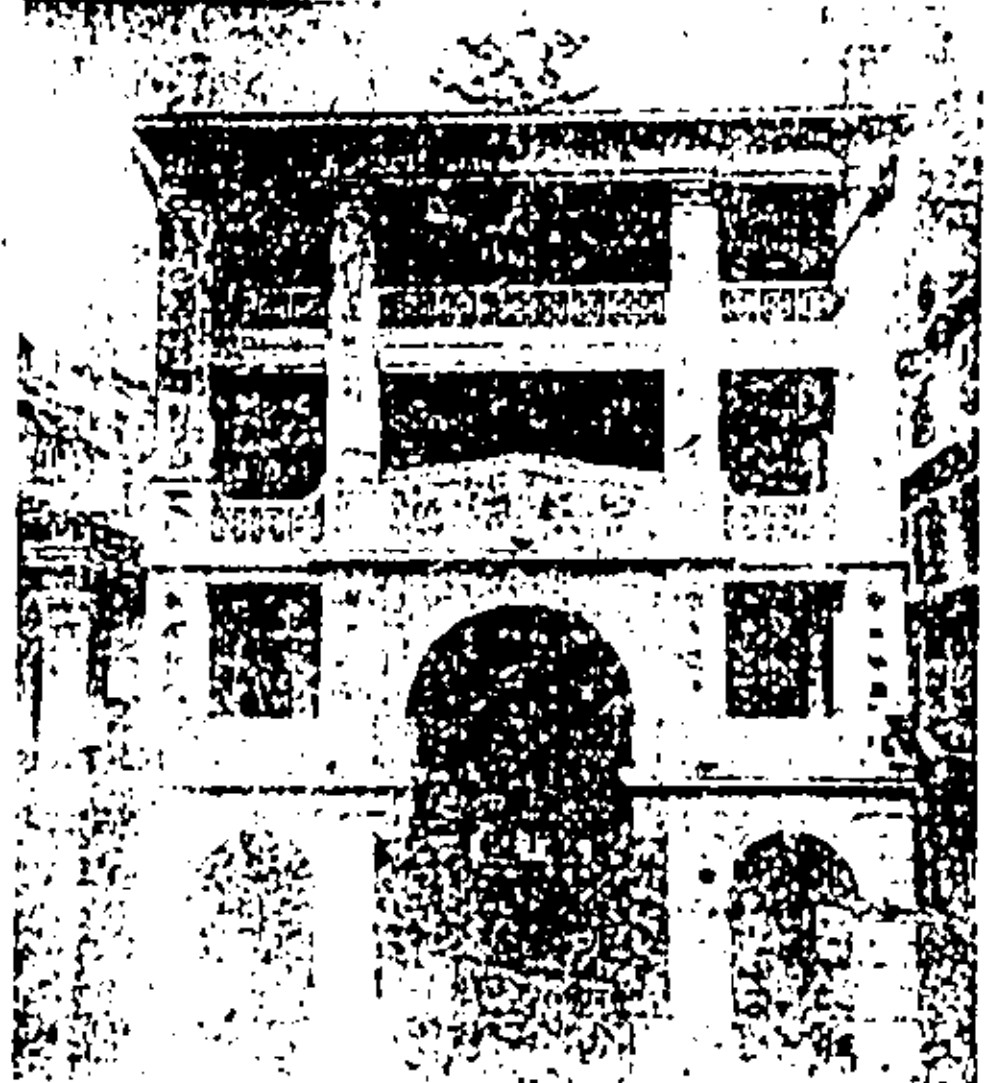
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CUTTY SARK BEATEN.

Kid Berg Means to Fight Again.

HENDREN'S BENEFIT.

Sir Harold Bowden, Athletics, Bart, the newly elected chairman of the British Olympic Association, is hoping to accompany the British team to the Los Angeles games next year.

He has always been greatly interested in sport. He went from Clifton College to Clare College, Cambridge, where he played football and rowed. After leaving the University he stroked the senior crew of the Nottingham Rowing Club in 1899, the year in which they won the senior fours at every regatta in which they competed. He is president of the Nottingham Aero Club, owns a yacht, and is keen on winter sports.

It has been generally assumed that Walter Lindrum has surpassed his prolific scoring of last season during his stay in England this year. But in one respect this is not so, according to a statistical correspondent.

In the 1930-31 season Lindrum played for 25 weeks during which he compiled 67 breaks of 1,000 and over, including the amazing 3,262 (then a world's record) at the Farnham Hall, London. This season, as a result of 25 weeks' play, the Australian has made 60 four-figure breaks, in which is included the world's record 3,905 made at Thurston's.

"I'll fight him again this year. Everything will be different then. Let me get over this shock then I'll show them. If I had stayed another 28 seconds Canzoneri would have lost."

This was Kid Berg's message for British boxing enthusiasts when he returned to New York from Chicago.

Berg, who was in the best of spirits, said he was very happy to know that the British public still had faith in him.

Tony Canzoneri, displaying a huge smile, arrived just before Berg. "I am the happiest man alive," he said.

At Lord's to-day "Patsy" Hendren will be taking a well-deserved benefit match on the occasion of the visits of Sussex to the headquarters of the game.

Hendren has been the idol of the Lord's crowd and his agile performances in the field have made him one of the most popular players in the Home Country. I would like very much to be in my old seat at Lord's to-day and join in the tumultuous applause which will greet the well-known stocky figure of Hendren as he either leaves the pavilion to bat or leads the team out to field. Though a man of 42, he holds with the agility of a schoolboy and his batting is amongst the most entertaining of all present day players. A truly great player deserving of a "bumper" benefit.

Birmingham Association Football. Birmingham Football team, two days before their Cup Final match with West Bromwich Albion, were training with a Rugby ball. This was most probably a mistake, as the captain of the Birmingham team, stated that they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

"We were out doing light exercise," he said, "when a boy suggested that we might like to play with a football. Apparently he was a Rugby fan, for he produced a rugger ball."

"It was the first football we had seen for several days. We accepted his offer, and threw it to one another with enjoyment." This is probably the first time that a football team almost on the eve of the Cup final has ever completed its training with a handling ball. It may have been that the youth was a West Bromwich supporter and had a small stake on the probable result being decided on a penalty kick.

When one hears of the cost of golf in the United States the figures strike one as exorbitant. However, I am told that expenditure on the courses and club houses has in most cases been so lavish as to warrant "big money" membership. And their club houses are luxurious to a degree scarcely known in this country.

I heard that the shares of the Los Angeles Country Club in 1923 were worth £160, says an Evening News correspondent. Since then their value has increased each year until now they are valued at \$800. This is the figure a prospective member has to pay before joining the club.

Ownership of shares does not necessarily admit to golfing membership, however. A man may be a shareholder and yet be refused membership by the "eligibility committee," which inquires shrewdly into the affairs of a candidate for membership.

Mr. Underwood, a jeweller, does not play golf, but he was offered the "duffer's handicap" to play for the Palatka Golf Club Trophy, Florida. So he borrowed a set of clubs, set to work—and won the trophy. To make matters worse, it was found that Mr. Underwood was the man who had sold the trophy to the club.

Members of the Oxford branch of the League for the Prohibition of Blood Sports created a scene recently at

the meeting of the Bucks Otter Hounds at Islip some miles out of the city.

The demonstrators included several women and the master of an Oxford school. They took up a position on the river bridge as the hunt approached. The demonstrators carried boards bearing protests against blood sports, but they were not content with this silent witness, and a wordy warfare soon broke out.

"Shame on you, you cruel devils!" and "It is a pity you don't get chased yourself!" were among the sentiments expressed by the women, while one young girl declared, "May God protect the otters and let them get away to-day."

A big crowd which had gathered to see the hunt took no part in the demonstration, which Capt. M. R. E. Uthwatt, a member of the hunt party, said he regarded as a "joke."

The terminal meeting of Cambridge University College boat racing was held recently at the Goldie Boatouse, when officers were elected for the coming year and dates of races were fixed for the term.

T. A. Brocklebank (Eton and Third Trinity) presided and proposed H. R. Rickett (Eton and Third Trinity) as president, and R. H. H. Symonds (Bedford and Lady Margaret) as secretary. G. Gray (Bolton and Queens') seconded both proposals, which were carried unanimously.

When the Springbok Rugby team embark for England they will leave a bevy of sad-eyed wives behind them. The South African Rugby Board has decided that "for the sake of discipline" no women shall accompany the team to Great Britain, not even the manager's wife.

Mr. A. R. Pienaar, the president of the Board, pointed out however, that a player who wants to have his wife in England during the tour may send her "by the next boat, and she can stay in another hotel and travel separately."

The first of eight wind-jammers which have been racing to England from Australia for the past three months arrived at Falmouth on April 28, having covered the 15,000 miles in 92 days—her record trip.

She was the Finnish ship Herzogin Cecilie, which left Wallaroo with 4,697 tons of wheat on January 23.

Captain Erickson, her 27-years-old commander, said that during the voyage the ship sailed 360 miles in 24 hours, beating the best performance of the famous Cutty Sark, now in Falmouth Harbour, by seven miles. In one hour she covered 17½ miles.

One of her rivals not at that time sighted received a start of 21 days.

EASIER GOLF



by H. STUART HOBSON

ADJUSTING THE STANCE TO THE LIE OF THE BALL.

THE VERTICAL LINE.

My reference last week to the "line of flight of the ball" has brought a comment from a friend about a line that is as important—the vertical line upwards from the ball.

When driving from the tee, or when playing through an even fairway, the majority of players stand so that the ball is level with the heel of the left shoe. This is to be accepted as the stance of the good golfer.

Feet are comfortably astride. The stance may be slightly open or slightly closed—that is right foot or left foot may be advanced a few inches—but the player will stand just sufficiently behind his ball to be able to put in wristwork by bringing his right hand into the swing as the hands come down to a point in front of the body, rather more towards the left hip than actually in the middle.

At the top of the back swing a line drawn through the left knee and left ear would run nearly parallel to a line drawn upwards from the ball.

Controlled Upright Swing. Not many players realise to what extent left ear and knee are in line with the ball in a compact and controlled upright swing. If a player pictures left knee and ear as forming a line that must have a very definite relationship to the vertical line drawn upwards from the ball, he will avoid many faults in the swing.

This is particularly true when the lie is not good, and adjustment of stance must be made to compensate for it. When the ground slopes uphill, the player will do well to stand more behind the line—that is further away from the green he is approaching; when the lie is downhill, the player needs to stand further in front of the line.

One way of dealing with this change of stance is to say that the player stands further behind, or further in front of, the ball.

The importance of the imaginary vertical line is in reminding the player that even though he stands behind the ball, he must not fall back as he hits, and even though he stands in front he must not sag forward.

The more tricky the lie, the firmer the stance must be. A Good Tip.

A good tip is to stand nearer to the ball—but not too near—shorten the grip, and make certain of a clean swing through the ball. The idea of getting length should be sacrificed to the wiser ideal of a firm, clean shot.

The temptation to dig down at the ball—always present when the

lie is difficult—must be resisted. The vitally important thing is to bring the hands sweetly through, following the run of the ground.

There are times when the lie can be more complicated and the need for adjustment of stance is not met by standing behind the ball, or in front of it alone. The player must turn his body in relation to the vertical line by opening or closing his stance. A test of the advanced golfer is his skill in adjusting his stance to the lie while keeping his swing in the groove.

You may find yourself not only playing uphill, or downhill, but compelled to make your shot with the feet above or below the level of the ball.

Changes of Stance. Four main changes of stance are indicated. You may be standing above the plane of the ball and driving it uphill, or standing above it and driving it downhill; or you may be standing below the ball and driving it uphill or downhill.

When driving uphill with the feet on the same level as the ball, it is, as I have said, important to stand further behind your vertical line. Then, as you swing the club-head through, there is less risk of catching the rising ground in front of the ball. In driving downhill, there is no risk that the ground behind will check the club-head in the backward swing if you stand further in front of the ball.

The action is described as "swinging with the slope of the ground." You must follow-through with more than usual smoothness, keeping the club-head along the ground.

If, in addition to the slope of the ground, the feet of the player are not in the same plane as the ball, he must make a further adjustment.

Again the vertical line is important; the player must maintain the balance of his body in regard to it. The two fatal errors are falling back when hitting at a ball above the usual level, and pitching down when hitting at a ball below him.

The tendency when standing below the level of the ball is to slice. The golfer who finds his game suffering in this way may find the remedy in advancing the left foot, that is, closing the stance—the method adopted by expert players for producing a deliberate hook.

In standing above the level of the ball it is always fatal to rise to the toes and reach for the ball as you swing. The important point is to settle down on the feet and, measuring the distance of the ball carefully, swing down to it and through it.—(China Mail Copy-right.)

POLO AS THE PERSIANS PLAYED IT

At least 2,000 years ago polo was a favourite sport in Persia, and the modern form, or something very like it, was played with great dash in ancient Thibet.

Centuries ago, wild horsemen of the Asiatic plains, muffled in sheepskins and riding wiry mountain ponies, played a kind of rough Rugby on horseback. Before them the Persians had taken the sport and given it the social graces which cling about it to-day.

"Welcome to the grounds, thou chief of horsemen; smite the ball." So wrote the Persian poet in 1649. And polo, as the Persian artist portrayed it on the manuscript, was indeed an elegant affair.

Chinese Polo.

There were only four men in a team, but the rules were highly organised, and so confident were the spectators of the players' skill that they appeared to have strolled nonchalantly under the noses of the galloping ponies.

Besides the early and later Persian styles of play, which later spread to Constantinople, through Turkestan and Thibet, there have been numerous variations of the stick and ball game.

A leather ball as big as an apple and a racquet were used in Byzantine matches. The Chinese played with a light wooden ball, and made it a kind of equestrian billiards. The goal was formed by two posts with a board between; in the boarding a hole was cut and a net attached in the form of a bag. The side which hit the ball into the net won. Japanese polo still survive under the name of Dakin or ball match.

Indian Game Faster.

Although the British learned the game from India, polo, as it is played at Birkalla to-day, differs from the Eastern sport. Characteristics of the British game are close combination, rather short passing, and a strong defence. It is played with heavy ball and sticks. Indian polo

is played with a lighter ball, and it is a much quicker game than the English.

British officers in India learned polo from the mountain tribes, who had played it from time immemorial; and they held their first match at Calcutta in the days of the East India Company. It was first played in Britain by the 10th Hussars in 1869.

The rules by which it is governed in Australia were made at Hurlingham, where the famous club organised the sport for the whole of Europe, the English-speaking dominions, and California with local modifications. The ground was first boarded along the sides as a remedy for the irregular shape of the Hurlingham ground, and this practice, which has modified the sport considerably, is now almost universal. In 1910 a polo handicap was introduced, based on the American system of estimating the number of goals a player was worth to

his side. In the English system each player was given a handicap, as at golf.

Intelligent Ponies.

There is only one thing worse than to talk of dogs at a meet, and that is to call the polo player's mount anything but a pony. The game has actually been responsible for a new type of horse, an animal of 14 hands 2 in., with the power of a hunter, the courage of a race-horse, and the docility of a Shetland pony.

Polo players claim that their mounts enjoy the game as much as they do, and they certainly participate in it with the keenest intelligence.

At first the ponies were small, but there is now a definite standard. In England each pony must pass the Hurlingham official measurer, and be entered on the register.

The British system of measurement is very fair and exact. The

pony is led by an attendant, not his own groom, into a box with a perfectly level floor, and shut off from every distraction. A veterinary surgeon examines to see that the animal is not drugged in any way.

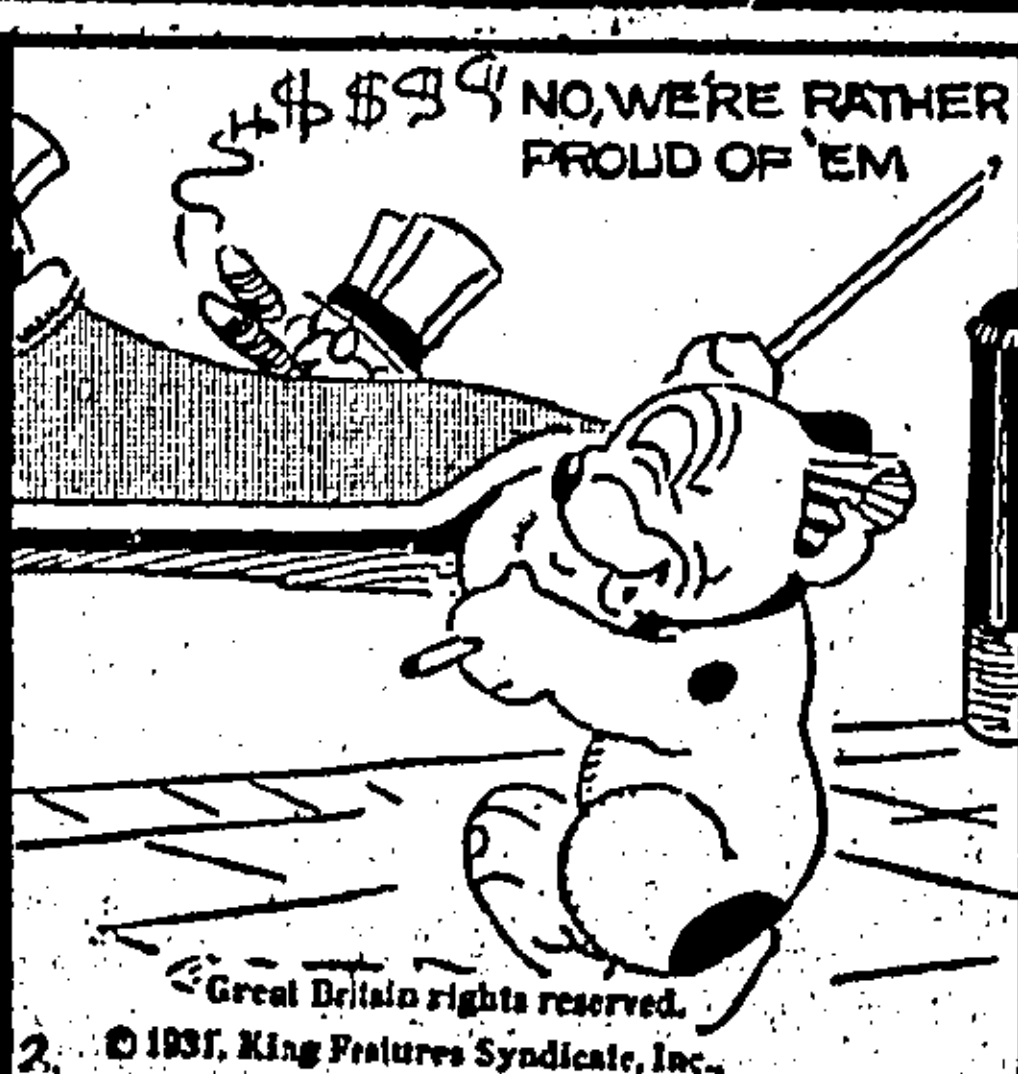
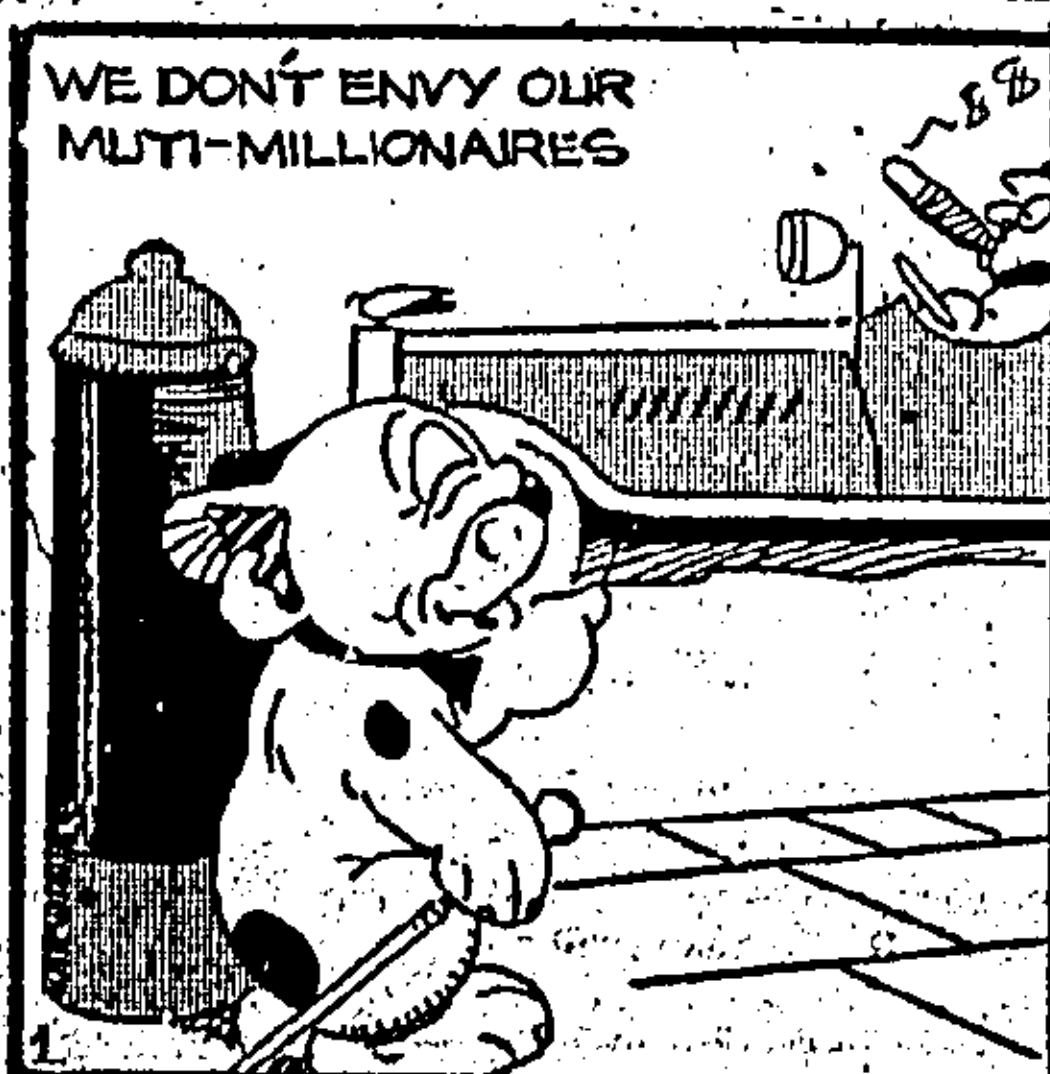
Life Registration.

The pony is allowed to stand easily, and a measuring standard with a spirit level is then placed on the highest point of the wither. If the pony measures 14.2 and is five years old it is registered for life.

Ponies are of many breeds. There are Arabs, Argentines, Americans, Irish and English strains. The Polo and Riding Society, with headquarters at Hanover Square, looks after the interests of the British Isles strains, and encourages their breeders. The English mounts are now bred largely for the game, and are a blend of thoroughbred blood (the best are always the race-winning strains) or Arab and native English pony.—[By "Chukka" in the Ceylon Observer.]

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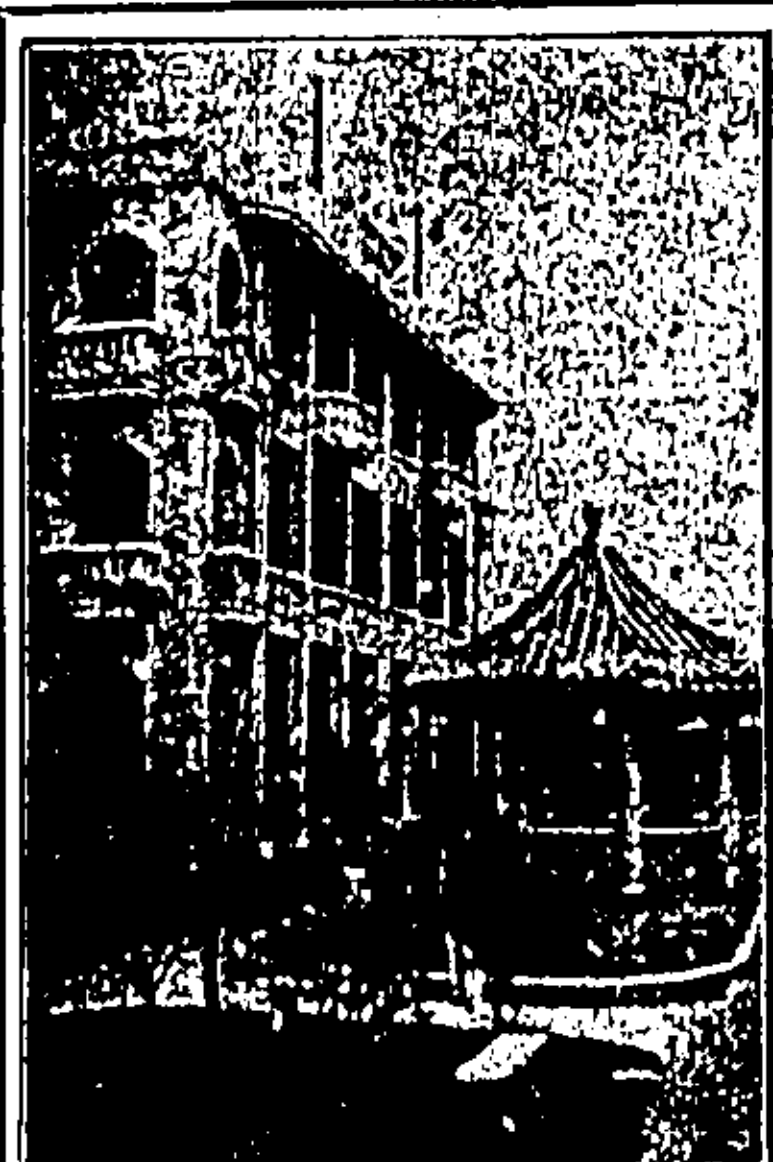


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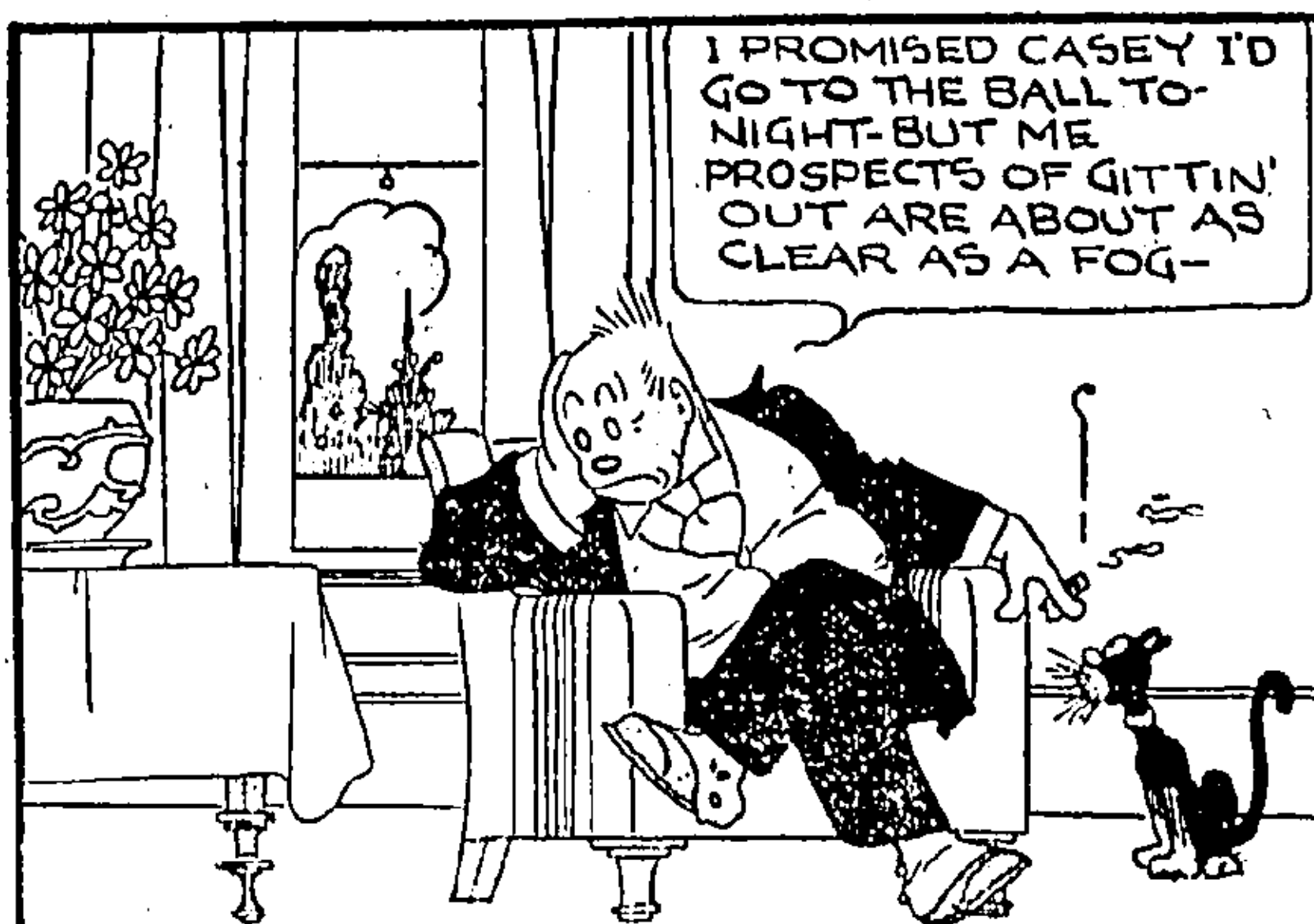
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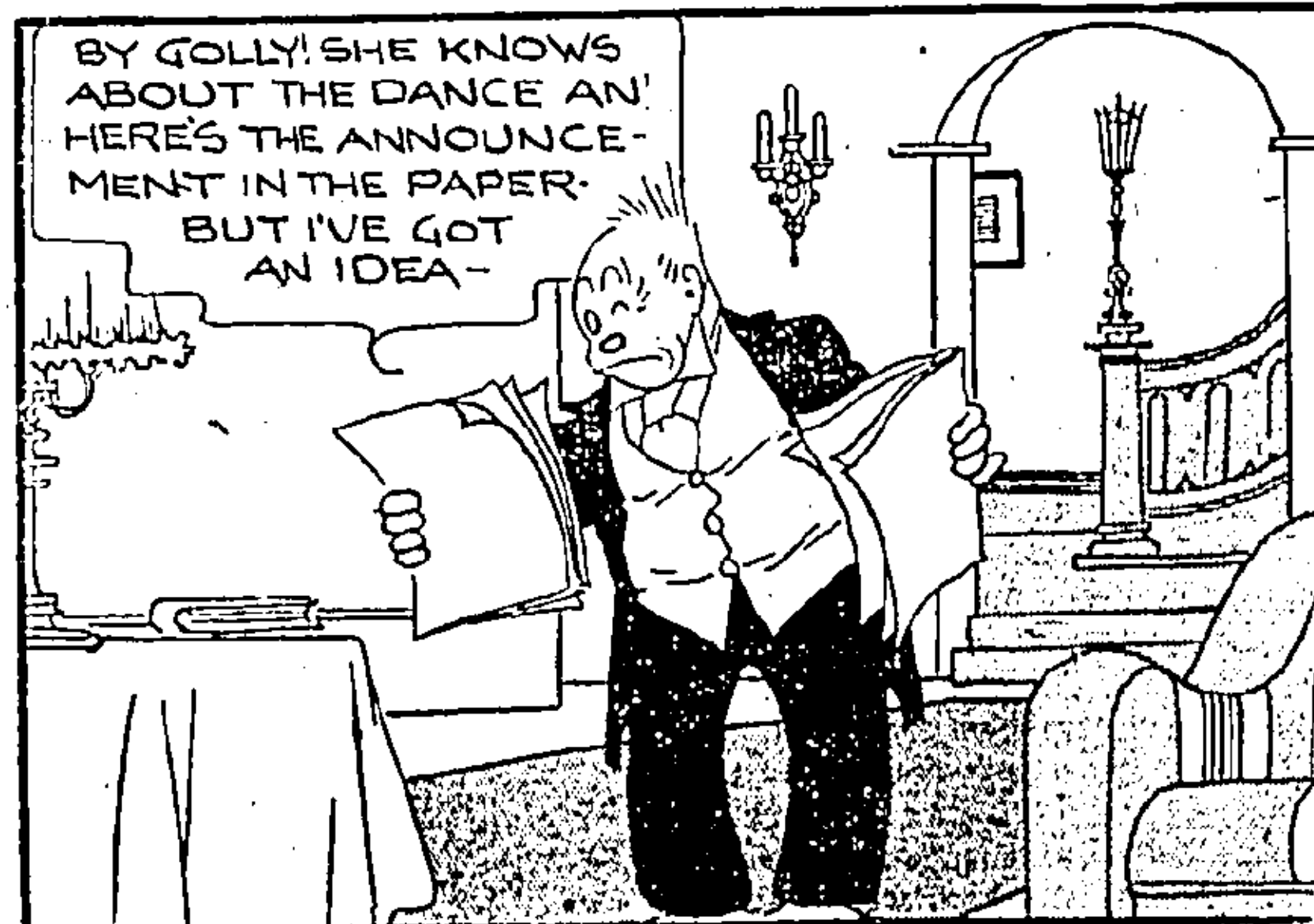


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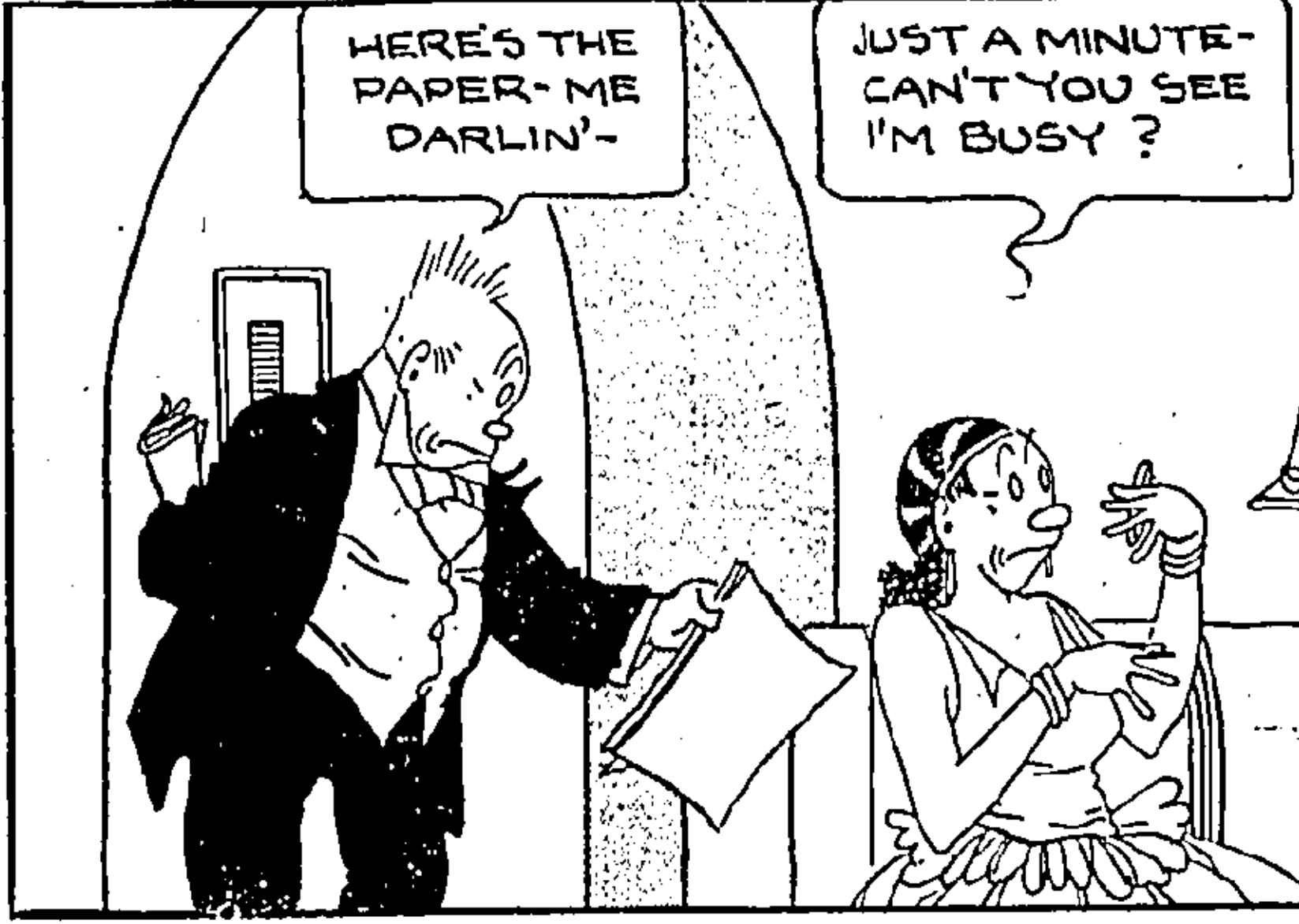


MAGG E! I WUZ JUST WONDERIN' IF I COULD GO OUT-TO-NIGHT?

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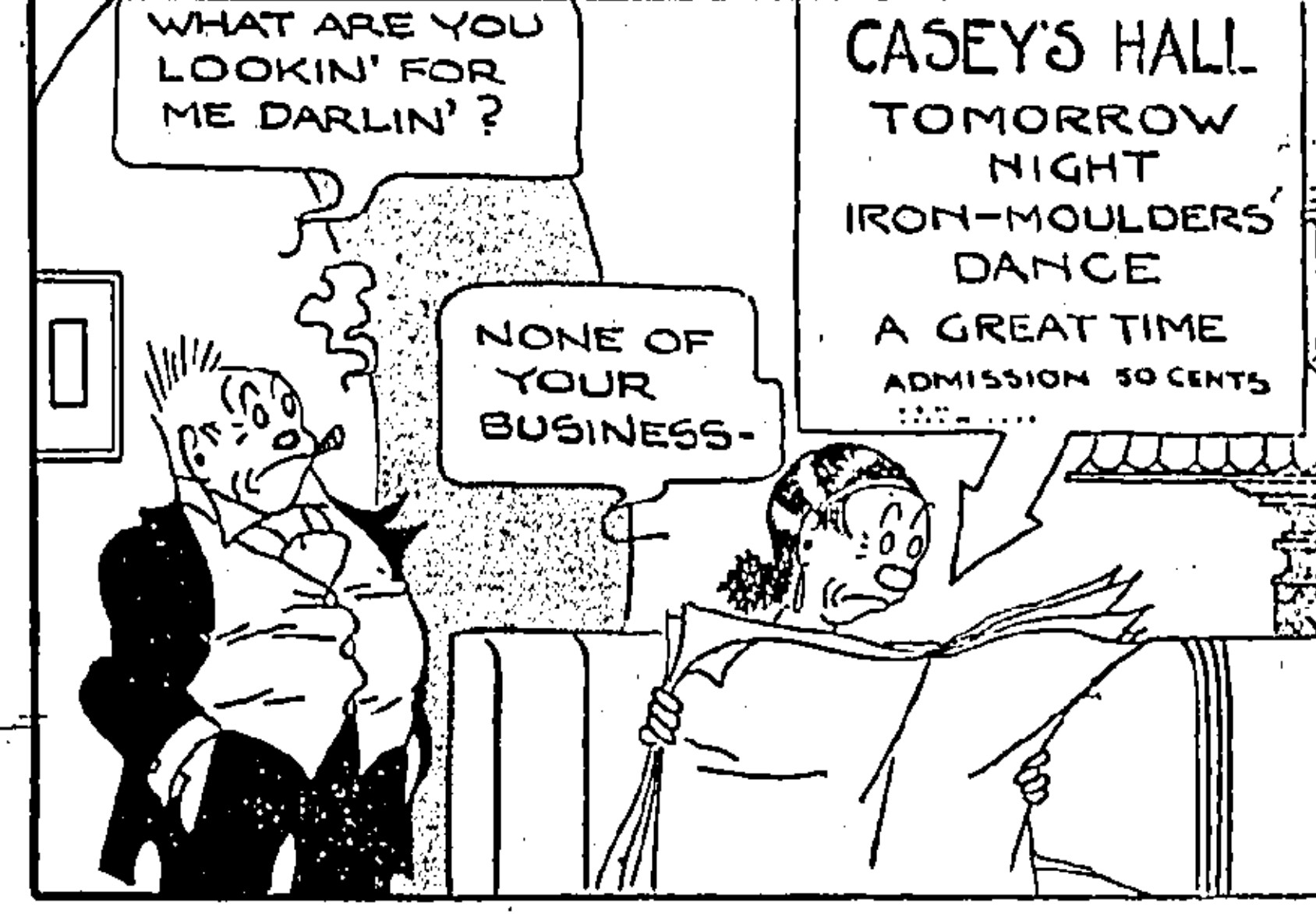


BY GOLLY! SHE KNOWS ABOUT THE DANCE AN' HERE'S THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PAPER- BUT I'VE GOT AN IDEA-



HERE'S THE PAPER-ME DARLIN'-

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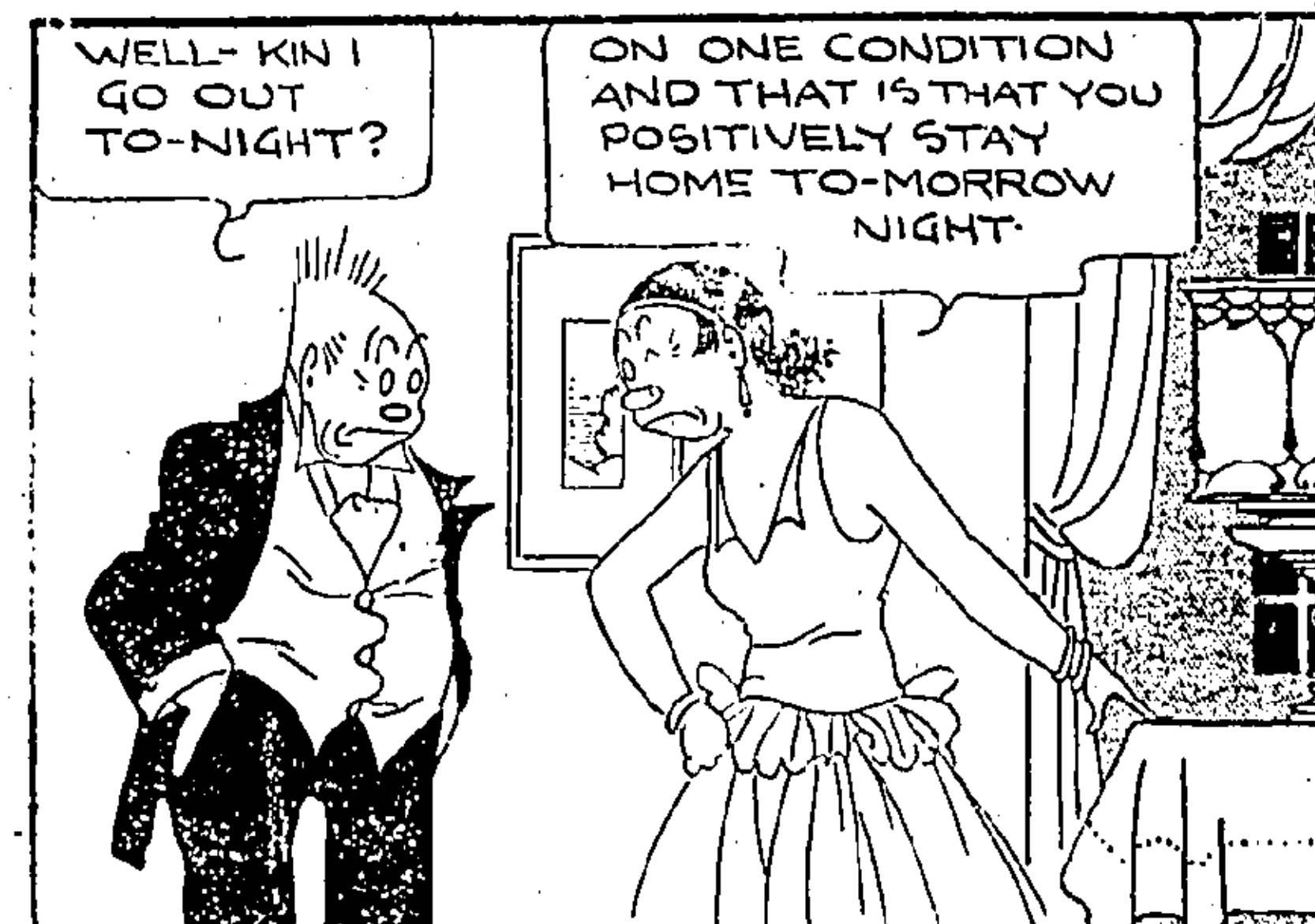
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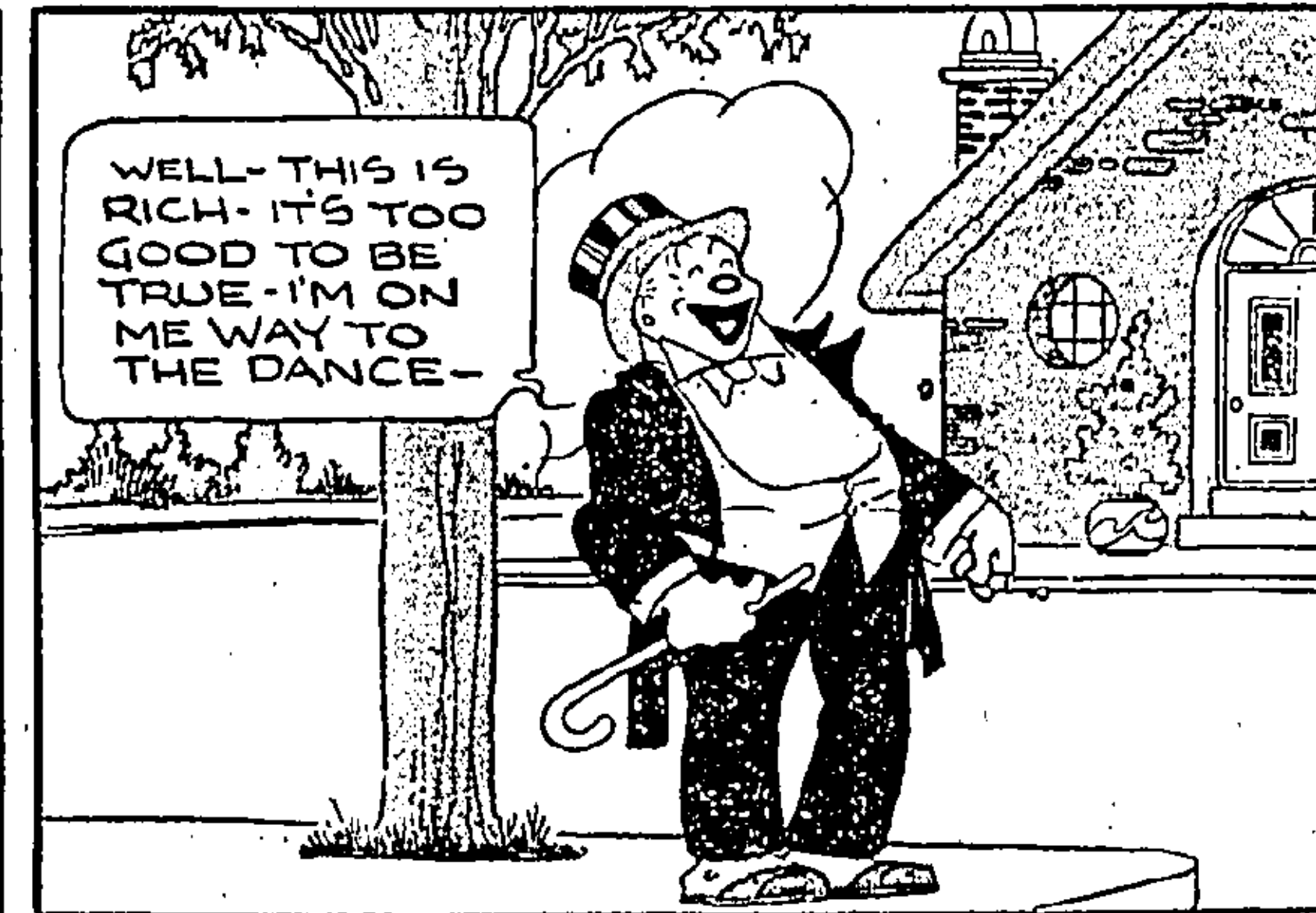
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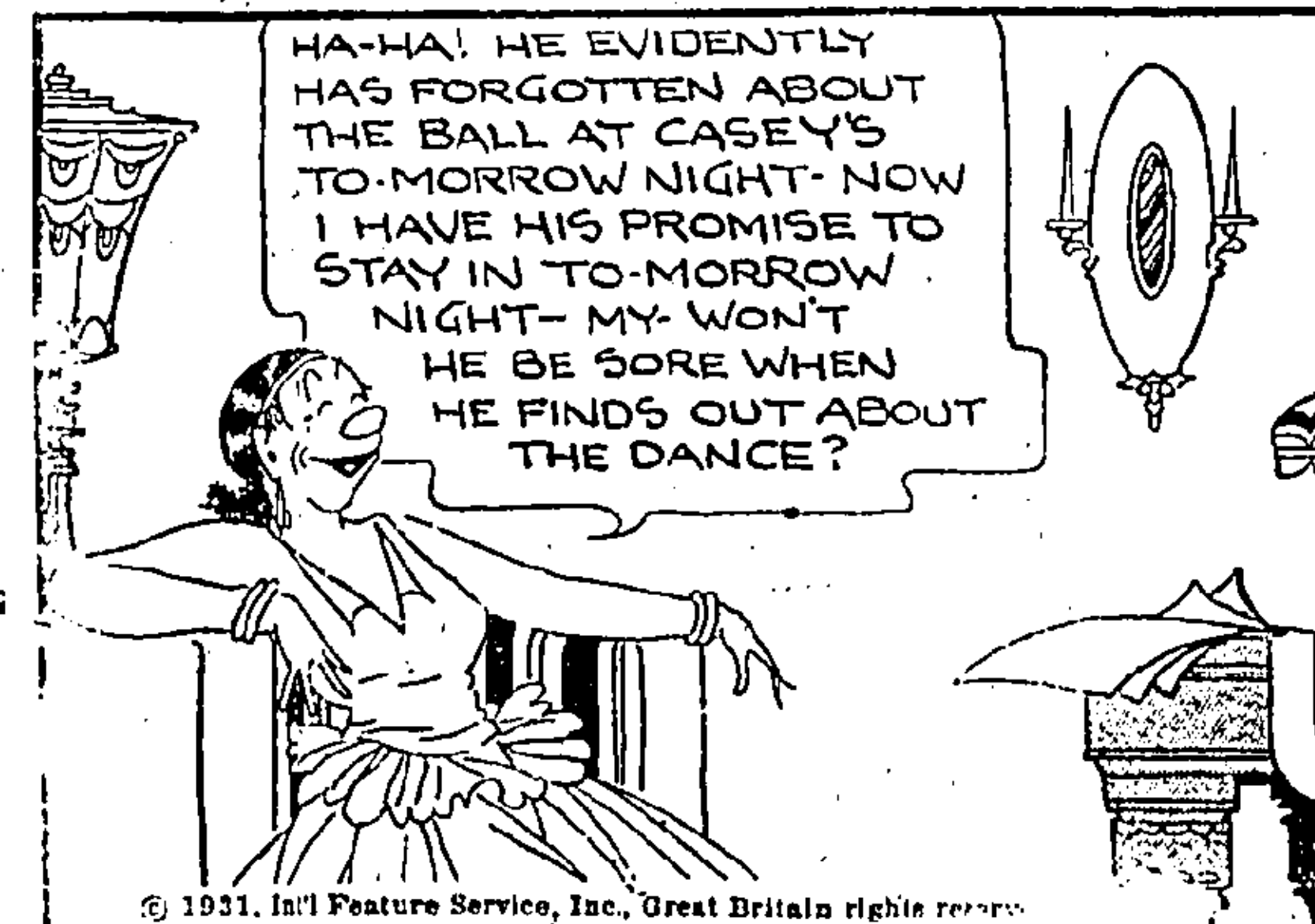


REMEMBER-I HAVE YOUR WORD- YOU DON'T GO OUT TO-MORROW NIGHT-

YOU HAVE MY PROMISE-THERE'S NO REASON WHY I SHOULDN'T STAY IN-



WELL-THIS IS RICH-IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE-I'M ON ME WAY TO THE DANCE-



HA-HA! HE EVIDENTLY HAS FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE BALL AT CASEY'S TO-MORROW NIGHT-NOW I HAVE HIS PROMISE TO STAY IN TO-MORROW NIGHT-MY WON'T HE BE SORE WHEN HE FINDS OUT ABOUT THE DANCE?



WHY, THAT BIG LOAFER GAVE ME YESTERDAY'S PAPER-

GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU-JIGGS-



SHE WUZ READIN' YESTERDAY'S PAPER AN' OF COURSE THEAD READ CASEY'S DANCE TO-MORROW NIGHT-SO SHE LET ME GO OUT TO-NIGHT-

I'M LUCKIER THAN YOU-MY WIFE CAN'T READ-

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BRITAIN.Difficulty in Entering
Medical Schools.

Mr. T. A. O'Sullivan, Inspector of Schools, Selangor, has received a letter from Miss Gertrude Drayton, secretary of the Victoria League which looks after students from the East studying in Great Britain, explaining the difficulties experienced by Malayan medical students who seek admission to hospital medical schools in the United Kingdom.

Mr. O'Sullivan has embodied the substance of Miss Drayton's letter in the following letter to the Straits Times:-

It will be of interest to intending medical students to know that I have recently received a letter from the secretary of the Victoria League, London, bringing to my notice the great difficulties which surround the entry of students from outside Great Britain to medical schools in the United Kingdom, especially those in London and Edinburgh.

The authorities of the King Edward VII. College do not encourage these students to proceed to the United Kingdom. Some students, however, insist upon leaving the College before the completion of their course. Such students are given leaving certificates. It seems to be generally known now that these certificates are used as a means of admission to medical schools in England.

Starting Over Again.

In England such students find it very difficult to secure admission to a hospital medical school. They can of course go to a university, but naturally they wish to avoid the loss of time incurred by matriculating and starting all over again. They do not realise the difficulties which await them until they arrive. A little trouble and a few inquiries would save them a great deal of inconvenience.

Two cases were recently inquired into by the committee of the Victoria League of Malayan medical students who found some considerable difficulty in gaining admission to hospital medical schools. As a result of this inquiry it has been found that applications for vacancies in the medical schools in the United Kingdom from students resident in Great Britain already exceed the number who can be accepted.

The authorities naturally feel that English and Scottish students cannot be refused places in order to make room for students from a country which has its own medical school of good standing, and the opinion is strongly held that students from Malaya should always be advised to take their de-

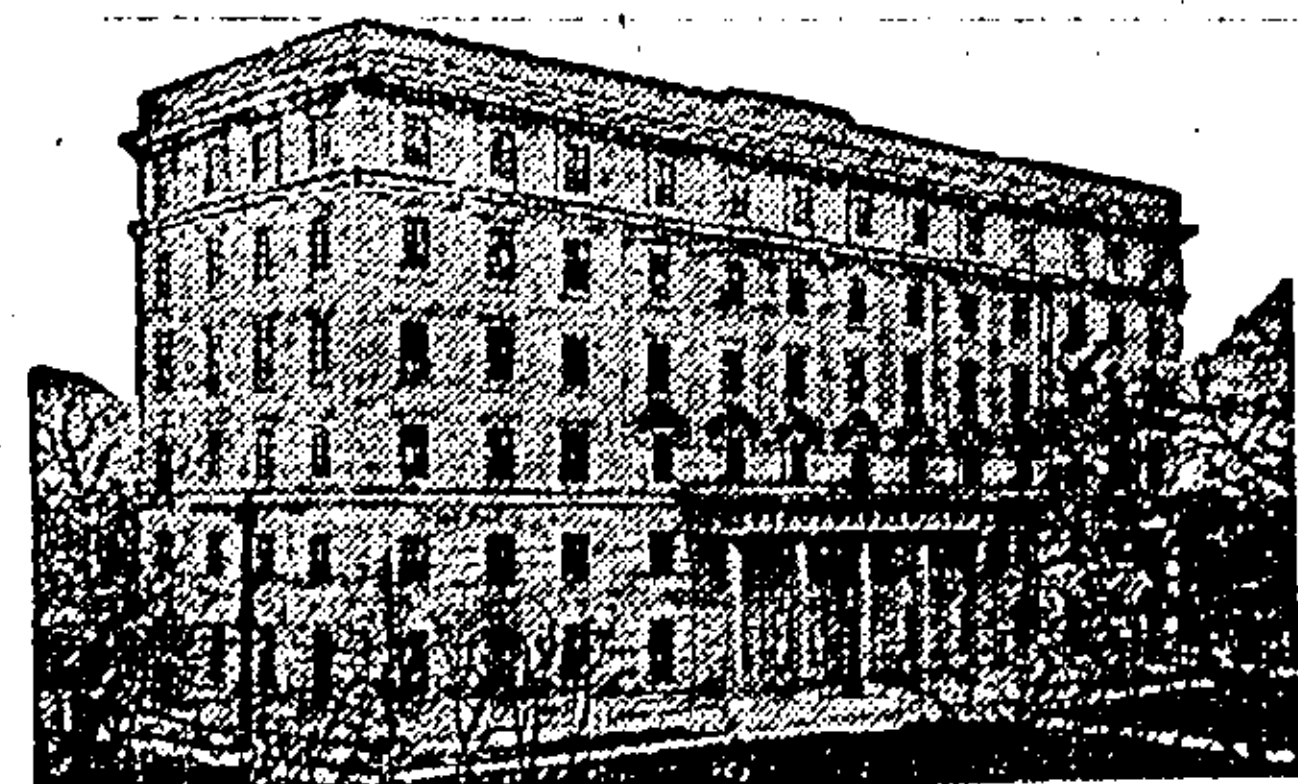
gree in the King Edward VII. College and postpone going to Great Britain until they can do so as post-graduate students, in which capacity they can much more easily obtain the necessary facilities in the United Kingdom in research schools and hospitals by applying to the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W.1.

Certificate Alone Useless.

It must be clearly understood by students who insist on proceeding to England before they have graduated in Singapore, that they must bring not only evidence of passing such examinations as they may have passed, but also certificates with full details of attendance at the courses of instruction. The mere certificate of passing the examination is useless by itself.

Intending medical students are also warned that no medical school will consider the application of a student who cannot bring evidence to show that he has attained a general education amounting to matriculation standard, and that to have begun a medical training in King Edward VII. College and then to have left it is not reckoned in his favour. The passing of preliminary medical examinations in Singapore will not help a student to secure admission to a medical school in the United Kingdom.

The Singapore degree has a very good reputation in the profession and in short it is the advice of the committee of the Victoria League that Malayan students will be well advised to postpone study in Great Britain until they have attained graduate status from Malaya.

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SHARE MARKET.

WEEKLY REPORTS BY BROKERS.

G. A. HARRIMAN.

Hong Kong, May 23.
Mr. G. A. Harriman's Weekly Report and Market Review says:—Steadiness has characterized the more speculative section during the week under review, which, although not quite so brisk as its predecessor, was every active at the opening with a tendency to slow down during the last two or three days.

Sterling stocks still remained on the quiet side, but a mild drop in the exchange rate caused a tendency to harden with Unions in particular being done up to \$648 and \$650. The Investment section undoubtedly held command of the principal interest during the week with Humphreys, Trams, Hong Kong Lands, Wharves, and Electric all showing very appreciable advances.

Owing to the approach of the Whitsun Holidays which will close the market until Tuesday next, to be followed up by May Settlement on Thursday next, there was the usual "quietening" influence prevalent at the close with a mild demand continuing in all sections.

Banks:—Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks were booked at \$2020/30 and there were further buyers at the former figure. Bank of East Asia remained unchanged with enquiries at \$121.

Insurance:—Canton Fire changed hands at \$1390 ex dividend, Hong Kong Fire improved a bit and were enquired for at \$1320. Unions showed a slight advance, having been booked up to \$645.

Shipping:—Douglases as well as Hong Kong Steamboats remained quiet at quotations. Union Waterboats were weak with sellers at \$27½.

Mining:—Raubers were slightly easier, sellers prevailing at \$38. Venezuela Goldfields were booked at \$3.65.

Docks Wharves, and Godowns:—Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharves having been done at \$167/9. Providents (Old) were done at \$6.86 at the outset, but receded a little at the close, sellers asking \$5.75.

Hotels and Real Estate:—Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels were the medium of a large turnover at various rates between \$17½ and \$18¼. Hong Kong Lands showed great strength with buyers at \$93½, shares having changed hands at \$92/33½. Humphreys made a great improvement, business having been transacted at improved rates of \$18¼/20. Hong Kong Realities again improved with sales at \$13¼/14½.

Cotton Mills:—There was a quiet market in Ewos with sellers asking \$13.65. Public Utilities:—Hong Kong Tramways opened with buyers at \$19.40, but jumped up to \$21¼ on Wednesday, the market closing easier at \$21¼. Star Ferries could be placed at \$9¼. China Lights were wanted at \$2½ after sales at \$26¼. Hong Kong Electric improved a little and were sought for at \$81. Business in Telephones (Partly paid) was reported at \$39¼.

Miscellaneous:—Cements (com.) were done at \$19¼/85 at the outset and rose to \$20¼, but closed slightly easier. Ropes were steady at \$22¼. Dairy Farms were in request at \$27 with sales effected at \$27¼. Watsons experienced a sharp rise and were done up to \$18.30. Lane Cawfords were dealt in at \$6.50/7.10. Sinceres had buyers at \$16.

Forward Settlement Days:—May 28, June 23 and July 28.

CARROLL BROS.

Hong Kong, May 22.
The market during the week under review has been steady with but slight fluctuations in prices in the speculative section with the exception of Trams which show a rise of about \$2.00. Business in Hong Kong Hotels and Cements whilst Trams were frequently inquired for but sellers were scarce. There has been a good demand for all good investment shares. Banks have been very quiet but a considerable number of Union shares changed hands.

Ewo Cottons have continued dull with sellers predominating. Bankers:—A few small lots of Hong Kong Banks were done at \$2020. Bank of East Asia continued in demand at \$121.

Insurance:—On account of the weaker Exchange there were more inquiries for Union Insurance with business done at \$644/45. China Underwriters in the early part of the week came in for a strong demand and rate advanced to \$5.95 at which price shares

changed hands but at the close the market has fallen away to \$5.55 buyers.

Shipping:—Douglases and Steamboats are practically neglected.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings:—Hong Kong Hotels were in strong demand and considerable business was done from \$17.50 to \$18.40. At the time of writing the market is slightly easier with buyers offering \$18.10 and sellers at \$18.25. Hong Kong Lands have again firm-ed up to \$93.00 buyers and sellers at \$93.60 after business at \$93/94. Hong Kong Realities remained quiet until a day or two ago when more inquiries were in evidence and rate has increased to \$13.90 buyers with sellers at \$14.00. Humphreys came in for considerable attention and price has steadily advanced to \$20 buyers for the old shares and 25 cents less for the New.

Mining:—There is nothing of interest to report in this section which has remained neglected.

Cottons:—Ewo Cottons have been more or less a dull market but a little business was transacted at \$13.35 to \$13.50.

Miscellaneous:—China Lights have been rather neglected and price has remained around \$26/26.25. Cements have been in good demand and price rose to \$20.25 but at the close are weaker with sellers at \$20.00 and buyers offering \$19.80. Hong Kong Amusements and China Entertainment have had little support. Lane Cawfords have again been inquired for and business has been done at \$7.00 and more shares could be placed at this figure. Construction were inquired for in the early part of the week and rate advanced to \$8.20 but they are now easier with sellers at \$8.75, buyers only offering \$8.50. Hong Kong Ropes remain practically unchanged at \$22.50 buyers and \$22.75 sellers. Hong Kong Trams had more buyers than sellers and price has advanced to \$21.50 buyers after business at \$21.60. Telephones were not greatly in demand and buyers are now offering \$39.00 for the partly paid shares.

Exchange:—The T.T. rate on London is —11¼ and on Shanghai 79¼.

Forward Settlement Days:—28th May, 23rd June and 28th July, 1931.

TRADE OF COLONY.

DECREASE OF \$7,071,551 IN IMPORTS.

EXPORTS LOWER.

According to the Trade Returns for the month of April which have now been issued by the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department, the total value of merchandise imported into Hong Kong during that period amounted to \$64,701,589 and exports to \$46,030,784.

Imports recorded a decrease of \$7,071,551 as compared with the month of March, and an increase of \$26,295,381 as compared with April of last year; while exports were less than the March figure by \$3,403,616, and \$10,599,015 more than the total for April of last year.

The excess of imports over exports amounted to \$18,670,805 as compared with a monthly average excess of imports of \$12,124,869 during the year ended March 31, 1931.

Total values are given in the following table, the figures for April 1930 being shown in brackets:—

Imports.	Exports.
Merchandise \$64,701,589 (\$38,405,208)	
Treasure " 3,851,860 (\$ 8,503,774)	
Total " 68,553,449 (\$46,908,972)	
Imports.	Exports.
Merchandise \$46,030,784 (\$35,431,719)	
Treasure " 3,734,437 (\$ 6,403,537)	
Total " 49,765,221 (\$41,835,256)	

It should be noted that both imports and exports were somewhat under-declared in April 1930, particularly in respect of liquor, tobacco and petrol shipments.

Values by Countries.

The total values of imports and exports of merchandise are shown below by countries, the figures for April 1930 being given in brackets:—

Australia	2,664,045	(266,037)
.....	400,706	123,255
Burma	217,419	(339,161)
.....	375,401	181,672
Canada	1,223,833	(155,393)
.....	316,856	296,892
Ceylon	186,083	(142,365)
.....	48,942	164,598
E. Africa	5,618	(421,771)
.....	36,174	62,910
Egypt	15,263	(542)
.....	36,186	44,848
India	(61,564)	(5,325)
.....	925,206	808,222
India	(483,658)	(394,304)
N. Zealand	38,342	17,622
.....	(14,282)	(10,035)
N. Borneo	359,554	148,708
.....	138,077	94,699
S. Africa	1,945	50,536
.....	(9,592)	29,535



BOYS OF LONG AGO.

MORGAN.

Morgan hung about the palace for hours, and at last he caught sight of the "madman." All Europe had heard of this man and his crazy theories; he wandered from court to court, pleading, begging, but no prince would listen to him. Morgan noticed that he walked sadly. King Henry the seventh was yet another who only smiled at his dreams and his wild supplications.



Morgan was employed as cookboy on a dirty ship lying in the Thames.

Morgan held his breath as the madman came nearer. He saw a strangely quiet man, clad in a shabby gown edged with fur, carrying a bundle of parchment under his arm. His eyes caused Morgan to tremble. They were clear and burning with a great hope; they saw neither the dirty street nor the grey sky, but gazed out fearlessly into the unknown. Then Morgan had a vision of spice islands, new worlds, glory—wide magic seas. "Who be the stranger?" asked a woman who was selling fish, when the man passed by. "The Genoese navigator, Christopher Columbus," whispered Morgan. "The dreamer who declares he can reach India by sailing away from it!" scoffed the woman.

OUR SWEET-MAKING CORNER.

French Nougat.

For this you will require one pound of granulated sugar, the white of one egg, a handful of sweet almonds, and some glass cherries. Drop the almonds into very hot water, remove the skins, and cut the nuts into spikes. Cut each cherry into four pieces.

Now put the sugar into a saucepan with a tablespoonful of

boiling water, and allow it to dissolve slowly, but do not let the syrup boil. When the sugar has completely melted, remove the saucepan from the fire and stir into the contents the well-beaten white of one egg. Add the almonds and cherries, and continue stirring till all is well mixed.

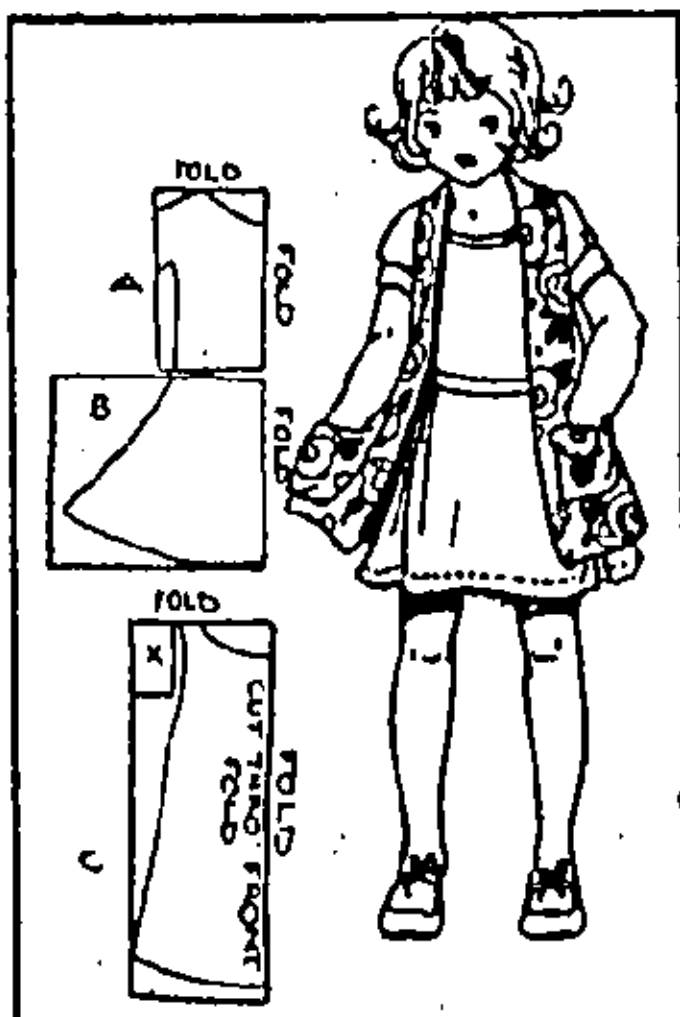
Pour the nougat into a buttered tin, shake or press into shape, and, before it is quite cold, cut it into bars with a very sharp knife which you have dipped in boiling water.

WENDY'S LITTLE DRESSMAKERS

A Smart Dress And Coatee.

This week we're going to make a new dress. Study the picture, and you will see there is a plain little frock with a straight-fitting bodice and a softly flared skirt joined on at the waistline; you'll make this of blue, green, or pink material. Then there is a loose, straight, sleeveless coat of gay-colored cretonne that you can slip on when you want to look specially smart!

The frock itself takes about three yards of material. Cut the bodice like Diagram A, making it reach to your waist and fit



The gay little dress and coatee about which Dress-maker talks to-day. You will be able to make them if you follow instructions carefully.

loosely across your chest; leave enough extra each side for the little sleeves. The skirt is made in two parts, cut slightly circular, like Diagram B. You had better cut the whole thing in newspaper first, to make sure of getting a good fit.

Sew up the side seams of both bodice and skirt, hem the skirt edge and bind the neck and sleeves of the bodice. Now you're ready to join bodice and skirt together. Tack carefully and sew firmly, hiding the join beneath a little waistbelt, which you can make from the bits cut away from the skirt.

The coatee takes about one and a half yards of cretonne. Fold it lengthways and widthways, and cut like Diagram C. Join the side-seams, hem the lower edge, and bind the two pockets from the pieces you have left over—Diagram X—and stitch them in position on the coat.

If you like, you can bind the neck of the frock with strips of the cretonne, and have a cretonne waistbelt instead of a plain one.

Wendy's Dressmaker.

Good For The Hens.

Mary had been round the farm, and was watching her Granny storing the eggs in the dairy. "If you want eggs to keep well, my dear, they must be laid in a cool place."

"Oh," said Mary, "fancy hens thinking of that!"

THE OLIVE BRANCH.

"Why do so many statues carry a small branch of tree in their hands?" asked the little questioning princess. "I've seen it on all sorts of things—medals, and stamps, and money."

"Oh, that is the olive branch," replied the oldest of all the nurses.

"Olive?" repeated the little princess. "Do olives do anything besides make oil?" "They do! Listen: Long ago there was a certain beautiful city of ancient Greece which had no name. Nobody could find a suitable name for so lovely a city, and at last the gods decided to have a great contest: whoever made the most useful gift for the city should have the honour of naming it."

"What sort of things could you make for a city?" asked the little princess.

"I will tell you about the two greatest. The god of the sea created a magnificent war horse, and the goddess of wisdom made an olive tree."

"You don't mean to say that a little old olive tree was considered better than a magnificent war horse!" wailed the little princess.

"I do," nodded the oldest of all the nurses. "After much discussion, the gods said that a war horse would only induce the people to fight. But if the olive tree were planted in the city, men would cultivate it and work together in friendly spirit. And so they did. They took the olive as a symbol of peace, and they gave it as a reward to a good citizen. All enemies who came to them carrying an olive branch were protected, and all brides wore an olive garland—I don't know why we've changed it into orange blossom now! So when you see an olive branch anywhere, you know it means peace and prosperity."

"And what did they call the city after all?"

Athena, because the goddess who made the olive tree was named Athena."

Poetry.

I have sung of the wind and the flowers, of the sky and the open road;

As have others before; Of my Lady Fair and the fight of romance and adventure's call. Like a gay troubadour. And they said: "Like the water-fall's spray, and the song of a falling rill—

Just pretty, no more!" So I wrote a sentence in lines, without Reason or Rhyme or Metre. And they said: "What strength! What originality!" But it was not Poetry.

Lucky Black Cat.

"Father," said Jimmy, running into the drawing-room, "there's a big black cat in the dining-room."

"Never mind, Jimmy," said his father, "black cats are lucky."

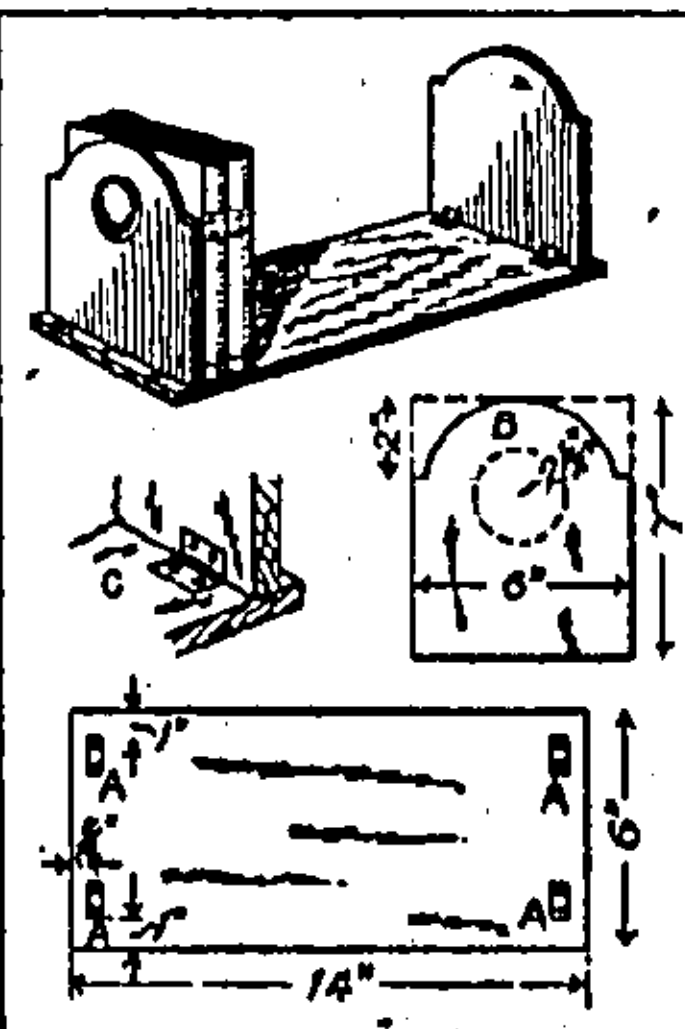
"Yes," was the reply. "This one is; he's had your dinner!"

THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

Making A Folding Bookstand.

This useful bookstand with folding ends can be made from wood three-eighths of an inch thick. For the base you will require a piece fourteen inches long and six inches wide. Plane this on both sides, and all round the edges, and rub over with glasspaper. As the ends are to be hinged to the base, cut the four recesses marked A with a chisel, after marking the position of the hinges as shown.

For the ends, cut two pieces of wood seven inches long and six inches wide. Plane on both sides and edges, and rub all over with glasspaper. Now get your compasses to a radius of two and a half inches, and, from the cen-



The folding book-stand. Study the diagrams and read Carpenter's instructions, and you will easily be able to make it.

tre line on one piece of wood, make a half circle just touching the top end as shown at B. At a distance of two inches from the top mark two short lines from the sides touching the semi-circle, as indicated. With a pad-saw cut the top part to the shape required. Finish smooth with a chisel and glasspaper and then, using this as a pattern, mark out the shape of the curved top on the other end. Finish this piece in the same way.

On the inside of each end piece, near the bottom, little recesses must be cut out to take the other halves of the hinges. To get these recesses in the correct positions, first screw one leaf of each hinge in one of the recesses in the baseboard. Now stand one of the end pieces in place, as shown at C, and carefully mark out the position of the other leaf of each hinge. Do the same with the other end piece, and then cut out the shallow recesses with your chisel.

Before finally screwing the ends in place, fix to each one a circular flat wooden ornament in the position indicated by the dotted circle in diagram B. If the bookstand is made of ordinary whitewood, it can be finished with varnish stain.

The Hut Carpenter.

CAN YOU READ THIS.

Here is a little puzzle to try on your friends. If they give it up show them the answer shown below:—

FRIENDS SIR FRIENDS
STAND YOUR
I BEARING
DISPOSITION
A MAN THE WORLD
IS
CONTEMPT
WHILST THE AMBITIOUS
RIDICULE
ARE

Solution:—

Sir, between friends, I understand your overbearing disposition. A man even with the world is above contempt whilst the ambitious are beneath ridicule.

TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

The man we drew last week was, of course, an actor; and the letter was F. If you put F before "actor," you made the word "factor," which was hidden in the puzzle. Solution:—

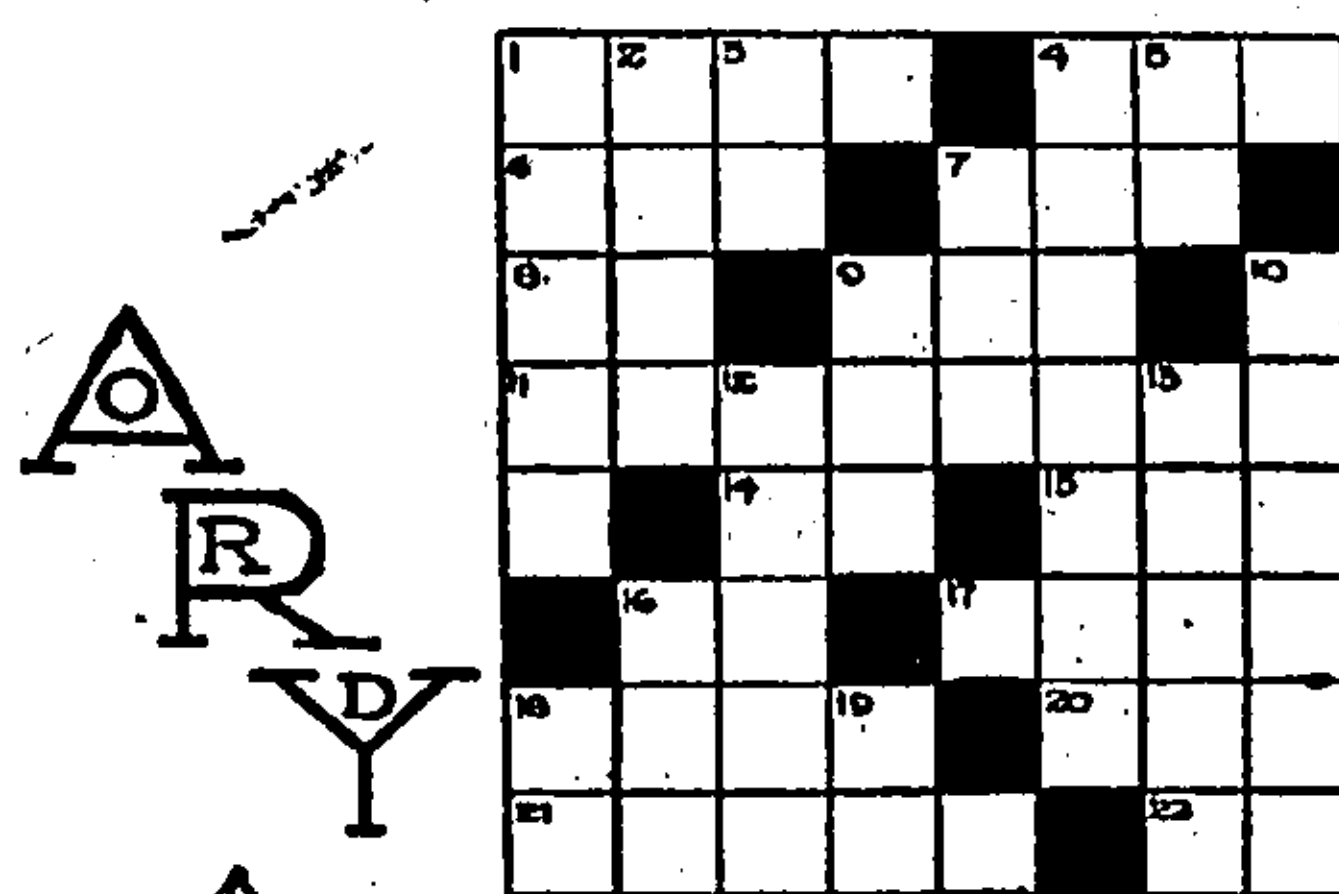
Across.

2. Wealthy (Rich).
5. Girl's name (Ada).
6. Frozen water (Ice).
7. Payment for work done (Wage).
10. Musical note (La).
12. Concerning (Re).
13. Depart (Go).
14. Hidden word (Factor).
17. Small pony (Nag).
18. Deep hole in earth (Pit).
20. Part of verb "to be" (Are).
21. Monkey (Ape).
22. Toy (Doll).

Down.

1. Not to succeed (Fail).
2. Uncooked (Raw).
3. Hurry (Hie).
4. Brave man (Hero).
8. Part of a circle (Arc).
9. Obtain (Get).
11. At a distance (Afar).
13. Grasp firmly (Grip).
15. Old (Aged).
16. Precious stone (Opal).
17. Short sleep (Nap).
19. Number (Ten).

Here is something a little harder. Notice the arrangement of the letters sketched beside the puzzle and try to decide which English word they represent as they are arranged. The word is hidden in the puzzle.



What English word does this suggest to you?

Clues:—

- | Across. | Down. |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Disorderly crowds. | 1. Person under age. |
| 4. Except. | 2. Above. |
| 6. Climbing plant. | 3. Near. |
| 7. Strike lightly. | 4. Fruit. |
| 8. Compass point. | 5. To a higher position. |
| 9. Put on. | 7. Weight. |
| 11. Hidden word. | 9. Loud noise. |
| 14. Within. | 10. Part of grammar. |
| 15. Girl's name (abbreviated). | 12. Had dinner. |
| 16. Upon. | 13. Hindu queen. |
| 17. Require. | 16. Belonging to us. |
| 18. Combat between two persons. | 18. Perform. |
| 20. Ocean. | 19. French for "the" (masculine). |
| 21. Command. | |
| 22. Prefix meaning "formerly." | |

His Brother.

Little Willie had been given a bull-pup for his birthday present, and one day his daddy came in to find him making ever such funny faces at it.

"Goodness, Willie!" he gasped, "whatever are you doing?" "Well," said Willie, "Bingo looked so sad that I thought he was homesick, so I started making faces at him, 'cos I thought he might think I was his brother!"

THE TINKER BELL CLUB.

I want to become a member of the "Tinker Bell Club," and I promise to do one kind action every day. Please send me a "Tinker Bell" enrolment card.

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ROSIE, DEAR—

GEE! WHAT A
THRILL IT IS
TO BE A
DETECTIVE—

GEE—THAT'S A TOUGH
LOOKING PERSON—I
WONDER IF HE KNOWS
I'M A DETECTIVE—

LOOK AT THAT CROWD
GATHERED OVER THERE!
IT MUST
BE AN
AUTO
SMASH-
UP—

WHAT'S THE
TROUBLE OVER
THERE?
MISTER?

OF A COUPLE OF
CROOKS JUST SHOT
A DETECTIVE—THAT'S
THE FOURTH ONE
THEY SHOT THIS
WEEK—

ROSIE, DARLING—DO YOU
THINK IT ADVISABLE
FOR ME TO BE A
DETECTIVE? I
WAS JUST
THINKING—

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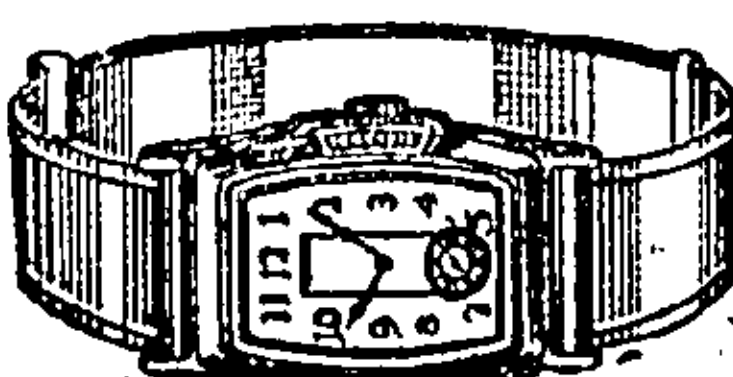
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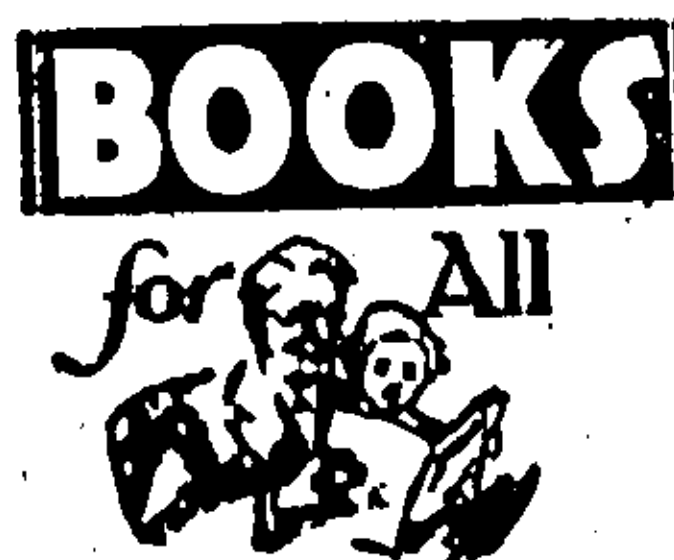
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by
Arnold Bennett.

"I cannot walk along a common
street, while attentively examin-
ing in it all the astonishing and
curious evidences of man's uncon-
querable determination to fulfil
himself, without being imbued
with a deep sense of the majesty
and beauty of the whole inexplic-
able affair. The older I grow the
more keenly I delight in the mar-
vel of life."—Mr. Arnold Bennett.

Since the death of Thomas
Hardy the work of no writer has
received such tributes as have been
paid to the memory of Mr. Arnold
Bennett, who died recently. An
incident recorded by Lord Beaver-
brook in the Sunday Express is
typical of Arnold Bennett's fear-
lessness and integrity. Lord
Beaverbrook writes:—

"He came to lunch with me at
my house in London at my urgent
solicitation. I wanted to meet
him because I admired his books
so much. He came on time, ac-
cording to his life-long habit.

"He stood up. I asked him to
sit down. He said he would not
sit until he had spoken. He
solemnly took a manuscript from
his pocket and read out an attack
on me and my politics.

"That," said Arnold Bennett,
"is going into the newspapers to-
morrow."

"I asked him to sit down. He
did so. We had lunch. We never
referred to the newspaper attack
again. It was not serious, nor
was it sensible, in my opinion.
But it appeared next day just the
same."

Mr. Gerald Gould, poet,
novelist and critic, concludes his
tribute in the Observer by say-
ing:—

"In the first chapter of 'Whom
God Hath Joined,' a novel that
for some reason has never had the
recognition due to its extraordi-
nary merits, Bennett revealed his
philosophy more fully than in his
didactic writings. He began:—
"When I was young the road
leading out of the heart of the
Five Towns up to Toff End was
nothing to me save a steep path
towards fresh air and far hori-
zons; but now that I have lived

a little it seems the very avenue
to a loving comprehension of
human nature, and I climb it with
a strange overpowering, mystical
sense of the wonder of existence.
There comes after that a long and
splendid passage of description.
The view from the hill-top is evok-
ed—Bursley and Turnhill to the
north—Hanbridge, Knype, and dis-
tant Longshaw to the south—
Hanbridge and Bursley uniting
their arms in the west. And so
the climax:

"Railway stations, institutes,
temples, colleges, graveyards,
parks, baths, workshops, theatres,
concerts, cafes, pawnshops, em-
poriums, private bars, unmen-
tioned haunts, courts of justice, banks,
clubs, libraries, thrift societies,
auction rooms, telephone ex-
changes, post-offices, marriage re-
gistries, municipal buildings—what
are they, as they undulate below
you in their complex unity, but
the natural, beautiful, inevitable
manifestation of the indestructible
Force that is within you? That
is the assertion of faith. The
moral follows.

"If this prospect is not beau-
tiful under the high and darken-
ed sky," wrote Arnold Bennett,
"then flowers are not beautiful,
nor the ways of animals." The
beauty concealed much ugliness,
and it was in many ways an ugly
story that he was setting out to
tell, but listen:—

"If anything that happens in
this arena of activity seems to you
to need apologising for, or slurring
over, or concealment, then you
have climbed to the top of Toff
End in vain!"

"That, in sum, is the spirit of
Bennett's artistic achievement.
He did not desire to apologise, or
slur, or conceal. His search for
beauty was made through the
patient and unrelenting examina-
tion of the facts—physical dis-
ease, social injustice, the hurts
and terrors of the heart. But
however close the scrutiny, he
knew the need of a high place for
wider vision. He had climbed
Toff End, which some have called
Olympus, and not in vain."

"Arnold Bennett, on another oc-
casion, said:—
"Until a man can look upon
the drunkard in his drunkenness,
and upon the wife-beater in his
brutality with pure and calm com-

MYSTERY CLEARED.

CAXTON BOOKS SOLD FOR
£20,000.

A mystery regarding the dis-
appearance of Caxton books from
York Minster Library has been
cleared up by the Dean of York,
Dr. L. G. B. Ford. The books
were sold more than a year ago
for £20,000. In a statement fol-
lowing what is described as an
"extraordinary report" concerning
"the mysterious disappearance" of
certain volumes from the Minster
Library, the Dean says he "thinks
it right to state the facts of the
case." These, he says, are that
more than a year ago the Dean
and Chapter were confronted with
the necessity of providing for ur-
gent repair work upon the fabric
of the Minster and, convinced
that it was impossible to raise the
funds required by further public
appeals, were obliged to consider
the expediency of parting with a
few of the valuable books in the
Chapter library. Before taking
action "they consulted some of the
highest legal and archaeological
authorities, and ascertained that
"the library books must be regard-
ed as part of the corporate prop-
erty of the Chapter." After say-
ing that the "need of the Minster
seemed to justify the step," the
Dean adds: "The Dean and
Chapter, in full assembly, decided
to part with some books, including
five Caxton volumes which had
high marketable value, but only a
bibliophilic interest and no intima-
te association with the life or
work of the Cathedral or diocese.
The sum of £20,000 was paid for
the books."

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abandoned the presumptuous prac-
tice of judging and condemning;
he will never attain real content."

ROUND THE CAMP
FIRE

"B.P." AND DAME MELBA.

In a message home, Lord Baden-
Powell, the Chief Scout, who is in
Australia, recalls an earlier visit
when he was a guest of Dame
Nellie Melba.

Lord Baden-Powell says: "Many
Scouts who had had the good luck
to see her and to hear her sing
will have been sorry to read of
the death of Dame Nellie Melba
at her home in Australia.

"I was particularly sorry, as I
had been looking forward to see-
ing her again in her lovely home
near Melbourne (from which
place she took her singing name).
"Melba had always been a great
friend of boys and more parti-
cularly of Boy Scouts, and more
than once she had helped our
Movement by giving concerts for
us. One of her last appearances
in London was at a concert at-
tended by the King and Queen
and Princess Mary, which she
gave in order to raise money for
our Development Fund.

"Last time I was in Australia—
in 1912—I visited her home, a long,
low house with a flat roof which
forms a terrace shaded over with
a trellis work on which grew
grape vines. Here she used to
sit and enjoy the view over park-
like paddocks and forest-clad hills
all round.

"What do you think she was
doing when we called upon her—
this wonderful lady who had sung
before kings and emperors, and
whose voice has charmed thou-
sands and thousands of people in
almost every city of the world?
"She was digging weeds in her
garden and enjoying it!

"At the door of her house when
we arrived was drawn up a smart
posse of Boy Scouts, the 1st Cam-
berwell (Melba's Own) Troop.
The badge of this Troop was a
sprig of wattle, the Australian
tree which has that pretty little
sweet-smelling yellow flower, often
to be seen in the London streets."

"LABELS" FOR SCOUT CAMPS.

Visitors to Boy Scout camps
this year will find many of them
flying a large sized "label" either
from a tree trunk or the flag pole,
or, perhaps, pinned to the camp
notice board.

This new "label" is a certificate
which will shortly be published
by the Boy Scouts Association
(price 6d.) and declares that the
camping Scouts undertake that
their camping shall come up to
certain standards. The standards
are set out in a booklet, "Camp-
ing Standards," which will be pub-
lished by the Association (price
3d., post free 4½d., from The
Scout Shop).

The certificate, which is water-
proof and has for background a
colour sketch by Lord Baden-
Powell of a Lone Scout camping,
has been so reproduced as to al-
low it to be photographed by the
campers, thus providing an inter-
esting souvenir for the Scout
Troop's clubroom.

The scheme has been devised
further to improve the standard
of Boy Scout camping, which is
recognised as the key activity of
the Boy Scouts Association.

LEPER BOY SCOUTS' DAILY
GOOD TURN.

West Africa announces that:—
"Among the more noteworthy
events of the year has been the
formation of a Troop from the
leper boys at Idu, and for their
daily good turn these 20 lads
take and chant twice daily the tem-
peratures of the thousands or so
lepers residing in the camp—sur-
prisingly as great a good turn as is per-
formed anywhere in the world."

CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN
INVITATION.

The Boy Scouts of Czecho-
Slovakia have invited a party of
thirty Scouts from Great Britain
to take part in their camp at
Prague from June 27 to July 4.
The total cost of the trip is not
expected to exceed \$7 per head for
those under 18, and \$10 per head
for those over 18.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

There is nothing like brood-
ing over troubles to make
them hatch out.

SCOUTING AND CHARACTER
BUILDING.

"I can never attend a gathering
of Scouts without thinking of the
founder of the Movement," said
Sir Edward Holland, when he
opened the ninth Handicraft Ex-
hibition of the Kingston and Dis-
trict Boy Scouts Association.

It was a real touch of genius
and insight into character that led
Lord Baden-Powell to bring the
Movement into being and it was
not given to all founders of great
movements to live to see the fruits
of their labours.

The Scout Movement used the
natural activities of young people
in really good and useful direc-
tions, helping them to develop into
useful citizens. It helped them to
develop what some people con-
sidered to be most important, per-
haps more important than mere
learning, that number of virtues
and qualities which together went
to the making of that indefinable
thing called character.

Courage, initiative, enterprise
and service were developed in the
young Scout, and with them a
sense of discipline, but he believed
it was not a too dominant disci-
pline.

NOT THE PERFECT BOY.

Sir Percy Everett, Home Com-
missioner of the Boy Scouts Asso-
ciation and County Commissioner
for Hertfordshire, attended "The
Trappers' Trading Post" organi-
sed by the 1st Harpenden Troop of
Boy Scouts, to augment their
funds. In an address on the value
of the Boy Scout Movement he
maintained that the perfect boy
would be a terrible prig. There
was no doubt, as any parent would
tell, that Scout training made a
boy a bit more cheerful, helpful
and considerate than he was, be-
fore.

In Britain alone, 2,000 Scouts
had obtained medals for life sav-
ing, 40 of the medals coming to
Hertfordshire. The Movement
knew no distinctions of class or
creed and was well worth support-
ing because it was going to make
something for the happiness and
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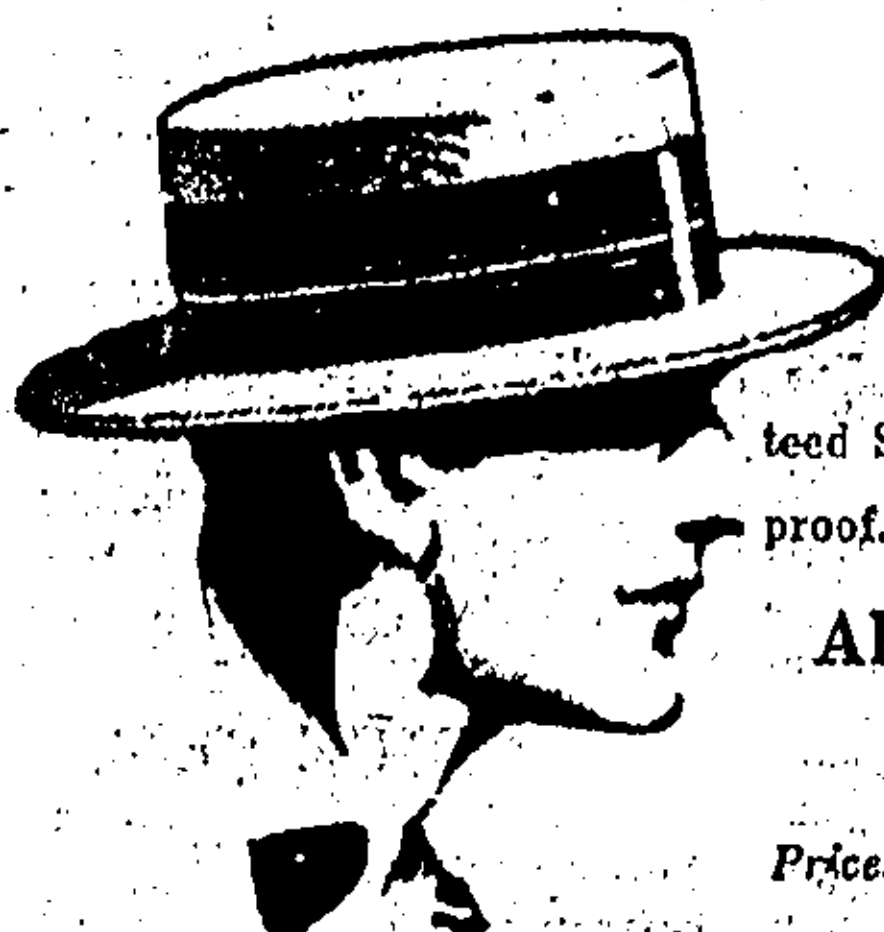
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RHODESIA.

AMALGAMATION OF NORTH
AND SOUTH.

PRELIMINARY STEP.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons to-
day the Under-Secretary for the
Dominions, answering a question
by Lord Winterton, said
that in reply to recent questions
regarding proposals which had
been made by the Government
of Southern Rhodesia for a con-
ference on the amalgamation of
Southern and Northern Rhodesia,
the Government have indicated
that they have the whole
subject under consideration, and
that it is their desire to proceed
in a manner which would express
the sentiments of the House of
Commons as a whole.

With this object in view, it
has been decided to unite the
members of the two opposition
parties, as a preliminary step, to
discuss with the Dominions
Secretary, Mr. Thomas, and the
Colonial Secretary, Lord Pass-
field, how best the matter can be
approached on a basis acceptable
to all parties, and the meeting is
likely to be arranged soon after
Whitsun.—British Wireless Service.

HOME BY-ELECTIONS

KEIR HARDIE'S BROTHER WINS
RUTHERGLEN.

TORIES KEEP STROUD.

London, Yesterday.
The by-election at Rutherglen,
due to the death of the Labour
member, Mr. Wright, resulted:—
Mr. David Hardie, a brother
of the late Keir
Hardie (Labour) ... 16,736
Mr. Moss (Conservative) 15,853

Labour Majority ... 883

[The polling at the General
Election was:—
Mr. Wm. Wright (Lab.) 17,538
Captain A. P. Duffes
(Cons.) ... 12,249
Mr. J. D. MacDougall
(Lib.) ... 2,945
Mr. A. B. Moffat (Com.) 842

Labour majority ... 5,289

London, Yesterday.
The by-election at Stroud,
owing to the resignation of the
Conservative member, Sir Frank
Nelson, resulted:—

Mr. Robert Perkins
(Cons.) ... 17,641
Sir John Maynard
(Lab.) ... 10,688
Mr. Stanton (Liberal) ... 7,267
Conservative majority 6,953

[Polling at the General Elec-
tion was:—
Sir F. Nelson (Cons.) ... 17,700
Mr. A. W. Stanton (Lib.) 11,728
Mr. F. E. White (Lab.) 10,384
Conservative majority 5,972]

INDIA LOAN.

UNDERWRITERS LEFT WITH
62 PER CENT.

London, Yesterday.
The 6 per cent. India loan of
£10,000,000 has left the under-
writers with 62 per centum on
their hands.

Dealings started at ½ per cent.
discount and are now ¾.—Reuter.
[A London message of May 19
stated:
A £10,000,000 India loan at 6
per cent. redeemable in 1938-4, at
an issue price of 100, is being under-
written to-day.]

SERVICE MEN'S HOME.

Support of Local Public
Needed.

RECORD OF FINE WORK.

We have just received a copy
of the annual report and state-
ment of accounts of the Sailors'
and Soldiers' Home at Wanchai,
which was opened by His Excel-
lency Sir Cecil Clementi,
K.C.M.G., in 1929.

In his introduction, the Man-
ager, Mr. William H. Smith,
says:—
This annual report and state-
ment of accounts is presented in
the hope that it may be the
means of bringing nearer to the
General Public of the Colony the
need of such an Institution; that
it may convey an idea of the
work which is being done for
Service Men generally, the expense
entailed in maintaining a stand-
ard of efficiency necessary in a
Home of this nature, and the
very effective and valuable assist-
ance which can be given to the
work by the financial support
and interest of those in whose
hands this report may fall.

It is issued as a mark of ap-
preciation to all those who have
in any way, through Service or
monetary aid, subscribed to-
wards its ideals and it is anti-
cipated, with confidence, that a
perusal of this Statement will
suffice to show the value of such
service, and bring that generous
financial response from its read-
ers which will enable the Com-
mittee to carry on unfettered a
work of such vital importance to
the life of our Service Men in
Hong Kong.

An Urgent Need.
The value of such an institu-
tion as the Sailors' and Soldiers'
Home in a Service community
such as Hong Kong may be
gauged by the statement that
30,033 men slept in the Home
during 1930, which is an increase
of 5,128 over the previous year.

Further, we have had the cus-
tody of 4,345 parcels belonging
to the Naval friends who pa-
tronise the Home which shows a
considerable increase on the pre-
vious year when 2,691 parcels
were stored. Our beds have been
booked night after night and to
prevent men from being without
sleeping accommodation a system
of shakedown has been intro-
duced. The value of this pro-
vision is realised when one
glances at the figures concerning
the number used. In 1929, 1,812
shadownes were occupied whilst
for the year under consideration
5,153 men occupied this form of
accommodation. It is obvious
that there is need for the pro-
vision of more beds, which would
entail an enlargement of the pre-
mises, and this fact is already
justified by the continued patron-
age of our Service men, but it
can only become a reality in as
much as we receive the financial
support of the general public of
Hong Kong to place us in a posi-
tion to carry out this very urgent
need.

MR. GANDHI.

MAY NOT LEAVE INDIA FOR
LONDON.

Simla, Yesterday.

Well-informed circles are very
doubtful whether Mr. Gandhi will
attend the meetings of the Federal
Structure Committee in London
beginning on June 29.

Practically all the delegates to
this conference have agreed to sail
from Bombay on June 18 aboard
the P. and O.s.s. Cathay.—Reuter.

LAI WAH CO.

SUPERVISION OF THE
LIQUIDATION.

APPLICATION IN COURT.

The Lai Wah Company's
affairs were before the Chief
Justice in the Supreme Court
yesterday, when the question of
whether compulsorily to wind up
or to continue voluntary liquida-
tion was under discussion.

After hearing legal argument
for Messrs. John D. Hutchison
and Company, the petitioners (re-
presented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon),
and Mr. Leo d'Almada, junior,
who opposed the motion on be-
half of certain creditors, His
Lordship decided to make an
order that the voluntary winding-
up should continue under the
supervision of the Court. Mr.
Philip Mooney was appointed
joint liquidator with Mr. Chau
Siu-ngho, who previously acted in
that capacity.

Company Closes Its Doors.
Mr. Sheldon, at the outset,
traced the history of the
company's affairs. It was
started in December, 1920,
with \$1,000,000 capital, one
half of which was paid
up. The company was indebted
to the petitioners in the sum of
\$29,000 for goods sold and deliv-
ered under certain outstanding
contracts. Other contracts were
also due. The company closed
its doors early this month. It
was insolvent, and unable to
meet its liabilities.

GREAT ZOO.

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DUNSTABLE.

COVERS 500 ACRES.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The largest and most beautiful
zoo in existence, situated at Whip-
snade, near Dunstable, Bedfordshire,
will to-morrow be opened to the
public.

It covers 500 acres, is fifteen
times the area of the London Zoo
and is twice the area of Bronx
Park, New York, hitherto the
largest zoological gardens in the
world. It will rank as one of the
show place of the world, and exotic
animals and birds will roam free-
ly in natural enclosures amidst
some of England's most glorious
scenery.

Dangerous animals are fenced off
by wire walls or dykes, so cleverly
concealed as to be almost unnotice-
able.

Whipsnade is the property of the
London Zoological Society, and is
admirably equipped for visitors.—
British Wireless Service.

DOYEN OF CORPS.

DUTCH MINISTER LEAVES CHINA
FOR GOOD.

37 YEARS' CONNECTION.

Peking, Yesterday.

After more than 37 years' con-
nection with Peking, the Nether-
lands Minister, His Excellency
William Oudendijk, accompanied
by his wife, departed from here
this afternoon, on leaving China
for good.

They had a warm farewell, a
Chinese band playing Auld Lang
Syne as the train pulled out.
Heer Oudendijk was the Doyen
of the Diplomatic Corps, and re-
ceived the K.C.M.G. for assisting
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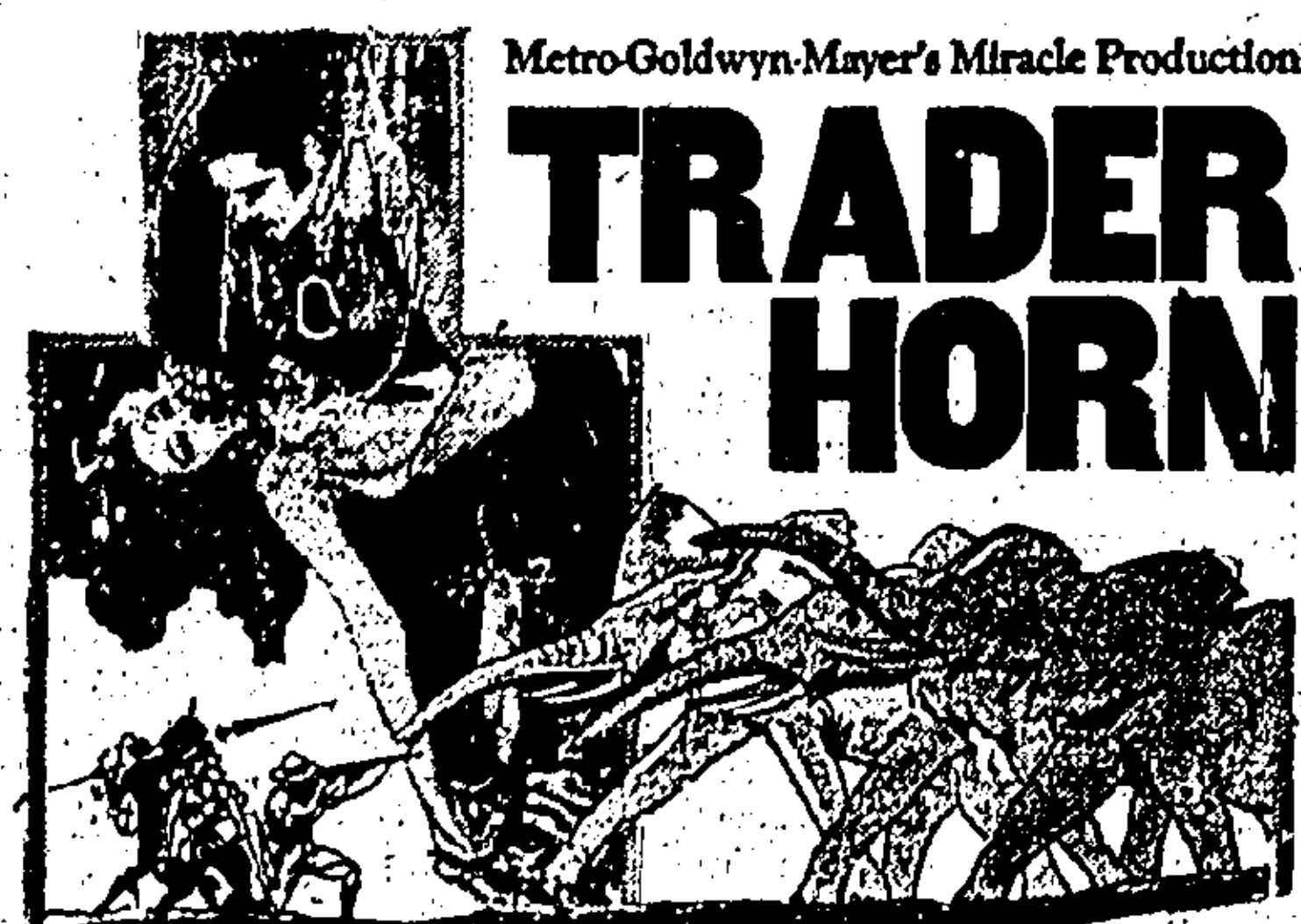
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